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Berlusconi makes another 'tan' joke

OBAMA Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi is still talking about President Barack Obama's "tan," and this time the gaffe-prone Italian leader has made a wisecrack about Michelle Obama's skin colour as well.

Berlusconi told a Milan rally of conservative supporters yesterday that he was bringing greetings from the United States from "What's his name? Some tanned guy. Ah, Barack Obama!"

This time, Berlusconi, who began his career as a cruise ship entertainer, also took a jab at the first lady.

"You won't believe it," he said, "but two of them went to the beach because the wife is also tanned."

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Waterfront **Winner**

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Bernard Langat of Kenya crosses the finish line in first place at the 2009 Toronto Waterfront half-marathon in a time of 1:05:14 yesterday morning. Kenneth Mungara of Kenya won the full marathon with a record time of 2:08:32 — the fastest anyone has run the 42.2-kilometre distance in Canada. Mungara, 36, shaved two minutes off his personal record, breaking the record he set in last year's race. More coverage, pages 4 & 26.

Canadian connection

U.S terror suspect travelled to Mississauga for visit: Relative

It was high-profile news in Canada: Najibullah Zazi, the man accused of plotting what might have been the biggest U.S. terrorist attack since 9-11, travelled twice to Canada in the months prior to his arrest.

And yet as Americans pore over every detail of his high-profile arrest, the Canadian connection has barely registered, despite assertions by prosecutors that Zazi's visits north of the border — and trips to Pakistan, allegedly for terrorism training — were reasons he should be considered a flight risk.

Najibullah Zazi

There's been little sign of the "blame Canada" rhetoric so prevalent in the U.S. in the weeks and months following the Sept. 11 attacks.

Some suggest that's because Canada might not have done anything wrong if American authorities failed to alert their Canadian colleagues that Zazi was a threat.

It's also unclear when Zazi travelled to Canada. A relative in Mississauga has been vague, saying it was some time in the past year or two. U.S. authorities have had Zazi under surveillance since August 2008.

Canadian officials have not commented on the Zazi arrest, and U.S. authorities have yet to provide any further information about the 24-year-old Denver airport employee. Zazi will be arraigned in a New York courthouse tomorrow, accused of conspiring to use weapons of mass destruction aimed at Manhattan subway trains on the eighth anniversary of 9-11.

During a Denver hearing on Friday, Zazi's lawyer pointed to the Canadian connection as reason his client should not, in fact, be considered a flight risk.

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Yorkville gallery hit by smash-and-grab robbery

CRIME Police have no suspects in connection to a morning robbery in Yorkville where three paintings worth about $60,000 were stolen yesterday.

A large rock was used to break the front window of Gallery Gevik on Yorkville and Hazelton avenues just after 4 a.m., said Det. James McCormack.

Three abstract paintings by Canadian artist Pierre Gauvreau were stolen from the gallery.

His exhibit had premiered the day before the robbery.

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The estimated value of three stolen paintings is $60,000.

The painting "City in turmoil" is valued at $18,000 while "Ballad for John Wayne" and "Night caught between daylight" are each worth $17,000.

McCormack called the robbery a "crime of opportunity."

"It's Yorkville, so there are high-end stores and high-end art galleries that are not immune to these crimes," he explained.

Investigators are gathering evidence to look for possible suspects.

Anyone with information about the location of these paintings should call Crime Stoppers at 416-222-TIPS.

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Provincial deficit soars to $6.4 billion

The global recession caused a massive drop in Ontario government tax revenues last year, sending the province's deficit for 2008-09 soaring to $6.4 billion, the Ministry of Finance reported Friday. The Liberal government originally predicted its books would be balanced when it tabled its 2008 budget, which included an $800-million contingency fund and a boast that "there was no danger" of falling into deficit. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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2016 could affect bid: Pound

Ontario PanAm Games delegation awaiting IOC's decision

Intrigue is swirling around the upcoming International Olympic Committee meetings in Copenhagen, as rumours rise about which celebrities and political royalty will attend to lobby for their choice of host city for the 2016 Summer Olympics.

Rio de Janeiro and Chicago are considered the front-runners while Tokyo and Madrid are hampered by geographical proximity to recent and upcoming Games.

But somewhere in the middle, a delegation from Ontario will be watching for the domino effect the vote could have on their chances to host the 2015 Pan American Games.

Toronto could be an ideal choice for the PanAms if Chicago wins the bid, suggested Richard Pound, one of two Canadians with a vote on the IOC.

"People can come and train ... and get used to geography and the climate."
Richard Pound, IOC

"People can come and train and practice and get used to geography and the climate," he said.

"It's the same conditions as you would encounter in Chicago and a full year before the Games."

Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty will be in Copenhagen, and although his star isn't as bright as expected attendees' U.S. President Barack Obama or TV mogul Oprah Winfrey, he's one part of a behind-the-scenes lobbying effort for Toronto.

Having political clout behind a Games bid is seen as a crucial component for a victory. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Device diagnoses prostate cancer?

TECHNOLOGY Toronto researchers have developed a portable device they say will accurately diagnose prostate cancer in 30 minutes.

The microchip technology, created by a pair of University of Toronto scientists, will be able to determine the severity of the tumours through a simple urine sample and produce quick diagnoses with no need for painful biopsies.

Now heading into the engineering stage, a BlackBerry-sized device should be available for doctors' use within two to three years and could be tuned to detect a broad range of cancers and infectious ailments, the researchers say.

"The goal would be to produce a result ... while you're sitting in the waiting room," says professor Ted Sargent, holder of the U of T's Canada Research Chair in Nanotechnology. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Digital reading a growing trend

WORD ON THE STREET The Word On The Street Festival is a place where a new trend is emerging — the digital book. For the second year, Sony has marketed its Reader to bibliophiles at the Queen's Park festival. The bookish Reader has an interface where people read downloaded books — which cost less than their printed companions.

Inside a tent with big comfy chairs, Sony's Tim Algate says digital books are set to take a small chunk of the market. Are these high-tech platforms a Gutenbergian blaspheme or an inevitable future? Festivalgoers were asked about the future of the book in a digital world.

"Books will always be here. You have to have both," said Toronto author Terry Green, "Internet is great for supplementing a book. The digital world is great for nonfiction. A book is art, it's texture. You can carry it anywhere. A book by the bedside, the office, the study. They are a powerful medium. It goes back to being a kid and sitting on your mom's lap." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Dante Petitti reads amid festival-goers at The Word on The Street literary festival, held in and around Queen's Park. He was reading a comic called The Possum, by Blair Kitchen. This is the festival's 20th year.

Terrorist eyes T.O. legal practice

LAW A convicted terrorist is asking to practise law in Greater Toronto.

Parminder Singh Saini, 46, blames youth for his violent past and says he is rehabilitated.

"I had no legitimate right to do that," he recently told the Law Society of Upper Canada of a 1984 airline hijacking in his native India. "It's not legal."

He deserves a second chance, he and his advocates say.

"He served his time and was subsequently pardoned," says York University political science professor Sandra Whitworth, who taught him in 2001.

Saini

"The evidence of his character in the last 25 years," his lawyer Frank Addario told the law society, "points toward a complete rehabilitation on his part." But critics remain skeptical.

Aside from hijacking a plane and shooting at several of his 270-plus hostages — wounding one in the back — Saini lied his way into Canada, has never gained landed immigrant status, faces deportation and by ministerial order remains a threat.

"Over the course of the last 15 years, (Canadian) courts and tribunals have declared that he is a danger to the public and security," law society counsel Susan Heakes told a hearing. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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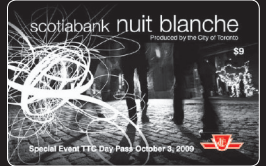

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Police on hunt for shooter

Police are looking for a suspect after a 17-year-old boy was shot twice in the hip at a birthday party in Scarborough last night. The victim was in the area of Kingston and Markham roads to celebrate a friend's 16th birthday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Downtown **Rallying for kids**

JOHN R. KENNEDY/FOR METRO TORONTO

Actress Bai Ling sets out on the Rally For Kids With Cancer downtown on Saturday. Ling was one of several celebrities who served as navigators in the charity event, which raised funds for the Sick Kids Foundation.

Miller's race is run

Mayor and deputy premier take part in marathon

David Miller is loping along the Toronto shoreline in shorts and a singlet, passing the pavilion at Sunnyside as he heads east toward the city's downtown, and talking about his decision not to run for re-election in 2010.

"I do feel freer," says Miller. "It's about having announced the decision. When you've made a significant decision like that, whatever it is, until you go through with it, it weighs on you.

"It does feel much lighter. My whole body feels lighter."

And that's a good thing when you're 50 years old and running your first half-marathon — 13.1 miles or 21 kilometres — along Toronto's waterfront.

Miller is in an unaccustomed position — decidedly in the middle of the pack, just one in a stream in a stream of heaving shoulders and striding legs, running shoes, shorts and ball-caps.

It's not in David Miller's nature to enter a race that he knows he can't win.

Deputy Premier George Smitherman ran the five-kilometre route, arriving near old city hall feeling "fantastic."

He ran the full marathon three years ago. "Coming up Bay Street today and feeling five-kilometre legs under me — not marathon legs — was particularly great," he said.

Asked whether he plans to run for mayor of Toronto in next year's election, Smitherman he's been "very clear" that it's a decision for 2010.

"That's next year's race," he said.

While Miller and Smitherman were busy running, Toronto Coun. Georgio Mammoliti was sending a strong signal that he intends to be part of next year's mayoral race.

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Mayor David Miller crosses the finish line at the 2009 Toronto Waterfront Marathon. Rumours are circulating that Deputy Premier George Smitherman and Coun. Giorgio Mammoliti intend to replace Miller, who has decided not to run in 2010.

Runner pops question at finish line

Sunny Side

ENGAGED When Ronnie Garcia dropped to one knee to propose to girlfriend Therese Tongco after yesterday's Toronto Waterfront Marathon, the song blaring over the finish line speakers was Queen's Another One Bites The Dust.

But the lovebirds shut out the tune to deal with the question at hand:

"Will you marry me?" he screamed from the pavement.

"Are you crazy? Here?" she said. "Of course. Yes."

Tongco, 26, of Unionville and Garcia, 33, from Markham, have been together for six years and had talked of marriage, but she never imagined he'd pop the question after a race. "When we first started dating, we had running in common," Garcia said. "We always train together.

"I knew she would be happy if I asked her. I knew she was looking forward to it."

They think they'll get married next year, maybe even after next year's race.

This year?

He ran the full marathon; she did the half.

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David Miller's integrity, hard work got Toronto back on track

Peter Donolo

News **Analysis**

When all is said and done, there is only one real test of a political leader: Did he leave his country/province/city in better shape than he found it? That's the true legacy of a leader.

Mayor David Miller announced last week he won't be seeking reelection in 2010. He still has 14 months left in office, but I'd argue that in three crucial areas, in particular, it's already clear he'll be leaving Toronto in far better shape than he found it.

First and foremost, David Miller cleaned out the corruption at City Hall. He put that famous broom from his 2003 campaign to good use. Before he took office, the city was being run by moneyed interests and backroom fixers — as we saw at the MFP inquiry. Miller put a stop to that. He put in place tough new rules like the lobby registry. Even more important, he has set the example of ramrod personal integrity. Miller has also presided over a quiet revolution in policing in Toronto. Crime is down 30 per cent in the last four years.

A lot of that is due to the community policing approach Chief Bill Blair has implemented. The days of confrontation and us vs. them policing are over. Cops are walking the beat. They're also increasingly as diverse as the city itself. That just wouldn't have happened without David Miller as mayor.

"What matters most ... is that David Miller took a great city that had lost its way and got it back on track." Peter Donolo

Miller has also showed his tough side, standing up to the gun nuts and shutting down shooting ranges in Toronto.

Finally, and maybe most important of all to readers of this newspaper, Miller has ushered in the biggest transit expansion this city has seen in half a century. It's just starting now — and the final results are years away. But thanks to Miller's bold Transit City vision, and his cajoling of provincial and federal governments, we're finally making the big transit investments we need — after decades of neglect.

There are other successes, like the city's big environmental shift. And challenges too, like last summer's garbage strike.

The work of a mayor in a city like ours is often unglamorous and always grinding. For every big speech, there are hundreds of hours of quiet, thankless work, uniting disparate interests. What matters most, though, is that David Miller took a great city that had lost its way and got it back on track. The challenge for his successor will be to keep it going in the right direction.

Peter Donolo worked on Miller's mayoral campaigns and was executive assistant to former mayor Art Eggleton. He was a senior advisor to former prime minister Jean Chretien and is currently a partner at the Strategic Counsel in Toronto.

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No new leads in search for missing teen

The search for a missing Toronto teen focused on a park where her family took picnics and hiked, but the effort provided no new leads. Police used a helicopter Friday to search Earl Bales Park for clues in the disappearance of Mariam Makhniashvili. THE CANADIAN PRESS

10 Things you didn't know about the TTC

HEATHER BUCHAN
for Metro Toronto

More than one million people use the Toronto Transit Commission every day, relying on its network of four subway lines, 11 streetcar routes and more than 140 bus routes to transport them through their daily lives.

Although many of us invariably take the TTC's services for granted, just imagine this: Toronto's first public transit service began in 1861, with horse-drawn streetcars transportation residents in the summer months and horse-drawn sleighs providing wintertime transportation. How times have changed. As you begin your day, here's some more food for thought:

1 One six-car subway train replaces the equivalent of 910 vehicles in morning rush hour, while one bus replaces the equivalent of about 45 vehicles.

2 The TTC's fleet consists of 700 subway cars, 248 streetcars and 1730 buses.

3 In 1921, the first motorized buses began operating, and in 1954, the first subway line — from Union to Eglinton Station — opened.

4 By the end of 2009 (that's just three months away), hybrid buses will make up 40 per cent of the TTC fleet, and by 2012, all buses will be equipped with bike racks.

5 If you don't have the exact fare when boarding a bus or streetcar and have to pay the fare with a large bill, ask the driver for a refund voucher, which you can bring to the TTC head office for a refund.

6 The door chime on the subway is the first three notes from the Sesame Street theme song.

7 At the Bay subway station, there is actually another unused subway platform on a lower level, often used by film crews. It's been used in films including Extreme Measures starring Gene Hackman and Hugh Grant, Don't Say a Word starring Michael Douglas and many others.

8 Wheel-Trans, the TTC's fully accessible door-to-door specialized system, makes about 5,000 trips each weekday.

9 With 1.5 million passengers each day, the TTC has one of the highest per capita ridership rates in North America.

10 The last year that fare revenues met TTC operating expenses was 1970.

SOURCE: TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION

Grocer a 'victim of crime', Kenney says

LAW Popular Chinatown grocer David Chen, who is facing kidnapping, forcible confinement and assault charges for allegedly chasing down and nabbing a suspected thief, is "a victim of crime," says Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism Minister Jason Kenney.

Kenney vowed yesterday to raise with MPs the Chinese business community's plea to reform a section of the Criminal Code that prevents retailers from apprehending shoplifters outside their premises.

After emerging from a private meeting with Chen at his Lucky Moose Food Mart on Dundas Street W., Kenney said he was open to exploring whether "any modifications" were needed for Section 494 of the Criminal Code to give shopkeepers a right to use reasonable means to protect their property. Currently, storeowners can only arrest someone found committing a criminal offence on the property itself.

"He employs 10 people and has a family of four. And it is not easy to make ends meet," Kenney said of Chen.

Still, Kenney stopped short of commenting on whether Chen should have been charged, saying it would be "inappropriate" to do so. He also brushed off suggestions that his appearance was merely a public relations stunt meant to garner ethnic votes.

For his part, Chen said he was pleased with the meeting. "I'm very happy the minister came to see us, asking how we work and how we do every day."

Chen's charges stem from an incident in late May when a man allegedly stole a box of tree plants from his storefront. When the suspected thief returned to the shop, Chen and his employees chased him down, bound his hands and feet, put him in a delivery truck and contacted police.

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Jason Kenney, right, federal minister of citizenship and immigration, visited David Chen, left, and bought newspapers and a cold tea from the cashier Nina Ke. Chen, the owner of the Lucky Moose Food Mart, is charged with beating up a shoplifter at his Dundas Street grocery store.

GTA Filipinos worried for families after typhoon

DISASTER The Filipino community in the GTA is anxiously waiting to hear from family members in the Philippines after hearing news about Typhoon Ketsana that hit the main island of Luzon yesterday.

Guen Guray was scared she wouldn't see her children again when she turned on the television last night.

"Watching everything, it was really terrible," Guray said. "I was crying, thinking I can't really be a mother if I don't know what's going on in the Philippines."

Guray came to Canada in 2007 to be a live-in caregiver in Manila. Her two eldest children, Mark and Princess, are in university in Manila while her mother takes care of her two young children in a small village.

She didn't have contact with her children or her siblings until 2 p.m. yesterday when her sister in Japan called to reassure her that her children were safe.

Toronto is home to about 172,000 Filipinos, the fourth largest visible minority group in the GTA, according to a 2006 Statistics Canada census.

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News in brief

CRASHES Streets were closed for several hours in Peel Region after two separate collisions killed two men yesterday morning. The intersection of Winston Churchill Boulevard and Derry Road W. was closed at 6:30 a.m. after a car stuck a light pole, killing one person and sending another to hospital in serious condition. Hours later, just before 9 a.m. a second collision on the southbound lanes of Dixie Road and Hwy 407 claimed the life of an 88-year-old woman and sent several people to hospital. Police say a Lincoln Navigator stuck a stationery vehicle as it approached a red light.

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Port Hope man's death believed to be homicide

Port Hope police are now treating the death of a 53-year-old man in the southern Ontario community last week as a homicide. Michel Leblanc's body was found in a Port Hope home, just east of Oshawa, Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Mountie shoots dead armed man

RCMP say a Mountie has shot dead an armed man in Hazelton, B.C., during an attempt to arrest him on five outstanding warrants. Cpl. Dan Moskaluk says the unidentified man was located in a remote area by members of the Police Dog Service and the Emergency Response Team from the RCMP's North District office, based in Prince George. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Two die at wild house party

Brantford teens struck down by suspected drunk driver

Two Brantford teens died tragically ironic deaths after they were struck by a vehicle while walking to their designated driver's car outside a frenzied alcohol-fuelled party.

A 20-year-old police officer witnessed the shocking accident as she attended to an out-of-control house party in the rural community of Mount Pleasant outside Brantford early Saturday morning.

She was dealing with a group of partygoers down the road, when she saw what she thought was debris fly from a car that crashed several metres away on the dark road, said Ontario Provincial Police Const. Larry Plummer.

Chaos at the scene

- Officers at the scene expressed shock at the "total disrespect" the teen partygoers showed toward the attending officers. Police officers faced a number of incidents when they arrived at the party, including underage drinking.

But she quickly knew it wasn't debris she saw after she received a call about a car that was involved in an accident but did not stay at the scene.

"That's when she realized it was people she saw fly through the air," he said.

The vehicle hit four pedestrians leaving the house party, killing two teen boys and leaving one teen girl in critical condition, and another with non-life-threatening injuries.

Carin Milmine, 17, and Shawn McLaughlin, 18, both from Brantford, were pronounced dead at the scene.

Kelly Myers-Gordon, 19, from Brantford remains in critical care at Hamilton Health Sciences and Kristynn Harrot, 17, is in stable condition.

The teens were getting into a car driven by a designated driver.

Police say the driver of the car that hit the teens drove away. They chased the car and stopped it about one kilometre away.

They arrested a Brantford-area youth, 17, at the scene.

The suspect faces numerous charges, but police were still working out the exact nature of the charges yesterday.

Police say that alcohol was a factor in the crash.

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The Dalai Lama, seen prior to the start of a panel discussion in Vancouver yesterday. The Tibetan spiritual leader is visiting Canada to take part in the World Peace Summit.

Technology may obstruct peace, says Dalai Lama

VANCOUVER Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama told the 2009 Vancouver Peace Summit yesterday that technology may be getting in the way of peace.

Even as he used the technology of a tiny microphone attached to his ear and watched his friend Archbishop Desmond Tutu speak from South Africa via video, the revered spiritual leader expressed concern about how technology may be eliminating compassion.

"I think technology may have some benefits for a smart brain, but no capacity to produce compassion," he told about 12,000 devoted fans at the opening session of the peace summit.

In a panel discussion about peace, the Dalai Lama said it is that compassion and awareness that will lead to peace.

The Dalai Lama is the star attraction for the three-day conference that will see spiritual, corporate and social leaders talk about world peace.

He told the crowd that peace starts first with individuals, goes to the family level, the community, and then on to leaders.

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Quebec Liberals talking higher fees, taxes

BUDGET Premier Jean Charest is warning Quebecers it's time to tighten their belts to help the province balance its books.

Charest told delegates yesterday at a provincial Liberal meeting in Drummondville, Que., that the government will be forced to curb spending and limit new initiatives.

Delegates gave the Charest government a blank cheque for a general hike in tariffs, from electricity and post-secondary education to a rise in the excise tax on alcohol, junk food and energy drinks.

The government is also considering adding tolls to Quebec roads.

But the premier gave few concrete details on steps the government would take to balance its budget, promising only to protect public spending and the province's generous social programs.

He also repeatedly preached spending discipline.

"We'll take into account what the membership expressed on the weekend," he told reporters at a news conference yesterday.

"We're going to put that into a broader spectrum of where Quebec needs to be in the next 10 or 20 years."

Nonetheless, Charest was clear on one point: Everyone must pitch in to rebuild Quebec's financial health.

Despite the spectre of a jump in the provincial sales tax, in excise taxes and in government fees, Charest said he expected more money to end up in Quebecers' pockets.

"I would like disposable incomes in Quebec to increase," he said.

In mid-September, Quebec suspended the law that forces the province to table a balanced budget and the province is forecasting over $11 billion in deficits by 2014.

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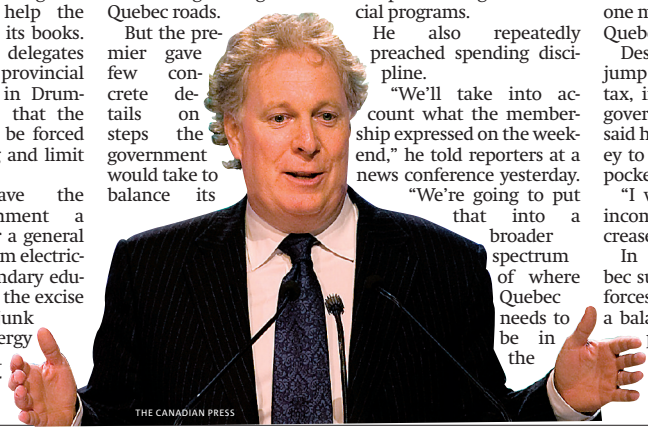

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Quebec Premier Jean Charest

News in brief

MYSTERY One teenage boy, 14, is dead and another, 13, is in hospital after being discovered unconscious Friday in a home in Melville, Sask., east of Regina. RCMP say there was no obvious sign of trauma.

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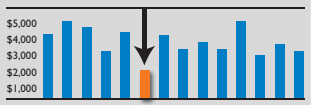

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Bishop accused of sexual abuse resigns

A bishop from a Roman Catholic diocese in N.S. has resigned less than two months after settling with alleged victims of sexual abuse. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cops crash Queen's homecoming party

The weekend bender in Kingston fizzled out early yesterday morning as a little rain and a lot of cops prevented thousands of university students from moving their party to the streets.

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A reveller talks to a Toronto police officer in Kingston.

Queen's University cancelled this year's fall homecoming after last year's parties got out of hand, but thousands of students still came to play.

Between Friday night and yesterday morning, Kingston police Const. Michael Menor estimated more than 80 arrests were made, mostly on drunk and disorderly or underage drinking charges.

Menor said a number of intoxicated people were also taken to the hospital in ambulances, but there were no reports of serious injuries or property damage.

More than 400 officers patrolled the streets of the historic city, including dozens of Mounties, Ontario Provincial Police and officers from several other departments as far away as Toronto.

Menor had especially high praise for a mounted unit from Toronto.

"Absolutely amazing," he said. "Just unbelievable when it comes to dealing with moving people along." THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

COURTS Family members of a corporal who was shot and killed by his tentmate in Afghanistan say they hope a judge will sentence the young soldier to military prison and dismiss him from the army.

Cpl. Matthew Wilcox was convicted in July of negligent performance of duty and criminal negligence causing the death of Cpl. Kevin Megeney, who was 25, of Stellarton, N.S. A charge of manslaughter was stayed, but the 24-year-old soldier of Glace Bay, N.S. could still face a maximum sentence of life in prison.

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Man arrested in relation to suspected hate crime

Police in London, Ont., have arrested a suspect in an alleged beating that is being investigated as a possible hate crime. Alex Myros was arrested Thursday night at the London airport and is scheduled to appear in court today. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Poppies coming to Prairies?

Ottawa viewing flowers as potential cash crop: Document

Another kind of flower could be coming to Wild Rose Country.

A type of opium poppy used to make painkillers may be sown across southern Alberta's plains, a newly released document shows.

The federal government is giving thought to planting Canada's first commercial poppy crop and the parched Prairies are the perfect place to do it, says a briefing note for Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz.

"Parts of Canada, particularly southern Alberta, are ideally suited for the production of poppies," it says.

Ottawa is mulling a variation of the opium poppy called the thebaine poppy.

Thebaine — chemically similar to both morphine and codeine — is used to make painkillers such as percocet, buprenorphine, oxycodone, naloxone and naltrexone.

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A variation of the opium poppy used to make painkillers may be planted in Alberta, according to a government document.

Poppies could be a cash crop for farmers battered by record dry weather this year.

"Significant domestic consumer demand and commercial opportunity for the agricultural sector exists relative to poppy production in Canada," it says.

The government estimates farmers could earn $3,000 to $6,000 a hectare growing poppies, compared to about $800 for a hectare of wheat.

The Canadian Press obtained the document under the Access to Information Act.

The briefing note, dated Feb. 10, does not make any recommendations and it is marked for "information only."

It's not clear if the government ever reached a conclusion over a commercial poppy crop. The Agriculture Department said the note wasn't meant to elicit a decision.

Canada gets most of its poppy products from Australia and France.

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Ottawa **Mother's comfort**

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Julie Proulx, wife of Laval Poilce Service Const. Eric Lavoie, comforts her five-year-old son Alexis during the Canadian Police and Peace Officers' Memorial service on Parliament Hill yesterday. Lavoie died after an injury in the line of duty.

News in brief

CONSERVATION A pledge by Nova Scotia to spend $81 million this fiscal year to buy more privately owned land and protect more of the province's wilderness and coastline from development was met with praise Saturday from conservationists attending a conference on the issue.

HEALTH Angry debate in Alberta is growing as the province forges ahead with plans to close more than half the 410 beds at Alberta Hospital, the region's mental health bedrock and backstop for 86 years. It underlines pessimism with a government trying to cut, mould and remake a health-care system on the fly in the face of crashing oil and gas prices and multibillion-dollar deficits. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Sentencing in Fair murder trial set for today

The woman who has admitted guilt to playing a role in the murder of Clifford Fair will learn her fate today in Woodstock. Amy Cassidy-Gilbert pleaded guilty to being an accessory to the death and dismemberment of 26-year-old Fair last year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

PM to give financial update

While MPs return to the Commons today, Prime Minister Stephen Harper will deliver his government's latest economic report card in Saint John, N.B., far from the fractious opposition benches.

The statement on the progress of the government's stimulus program will draw fire from the Liberals, who say they are ready to topple the government at their first opportunity, perhaps as early as this week.

Liberal finance critic John McCallum said it really doesn't matter what's in the economic statement. "We Liberals have made our decision," he said. "We're voting against the government, so in that sense the outcome is foregone."

This will leave NDP Leader Jack Layton to decide whether he can support the government, as he did earlier this month. All three opposition parties must vote together to defeat the government.

Stephen Harper

Transport Minister John Baird said Harper will provide an upbeat status report. "He'll be able to give Canadians a real update on where we are on the economy, where we are on infrastructure spending," Baird said. "He'll be able to tell people what we're doing to keep our banking system strong and the real success we've had working with provinces and municipalities across the country on infrastructure."

Economists say Harper will likely claim that 80 per cent or more of the funding for infrastructure has been approved, but add there's a gap between formal approval and actually getting paycheques to people. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vancouver The finishing touch

JONATHAN HAYWARD / THE CANADIAN PRESS

A TV cameraman films as a 130-ton crane prepares to place the giant blades onto a massive wind turbine on the top of Grouse Mountain ski resort in North Vancouver, B.C., on Friday. The turbine, featuring an elevator and panoramic viewing pod, will be the only one of its kind in the world.

News in brief

ACTIVIST Friends, relatives and admirers gathered in Halifax yesterday to celebrate the life of Muriel Duckworth. The longtime social activist, who died last month at 100, was honoured during an emotional service at Mount Saint Vincent University as a tireless worker for social justice. Former federal NDP leader Alexa McDonough called Duckworth "an extraordinary Canadian woman" who spent her life fighting discrimination, poverty and war. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sask. town to kill loose dogs after attack

ANIMALS Frustration over an attack on a child has prompted a northern Saskatchewan village to destroy loose dogs, saying the extreme measure is needed to fix a problem that plagues many remote communities.

"It is a last resort," says Ile a la Crosse Mayor Duane Favel. "We can request that (owners) tie up their dogs and take care of them and be accountable and responsible for them, but when that doesn't happen this is the only alternative that we have."

Last weekend, six-year-old Shiloh Berscheid was badly bitten while playing outside. The little boy had huge gashes across his face and was flown to a Saskatoon hospital where plastic surgeons used 60 stitches to close the wounds.

Shiloh's mother, Angella McKay, has said she wants tougher animal control bylaws in the community. Favel said the village is doing the best it can. Lawyers for the municipality have sent letters to dog owners, warning that the village will deal with any loose animals. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Exterminator

- The village has hired a man to shoot the loose dogs, because it is the quickest and least expensive solution.

'40s-era ammo found in home

WEAPONS Several residents of an eastern Ontario town were ordered from their homes Friday night until Second World War-era ammunition from the 1940s were handed over to police.

Residents in Lakefield, Ont., just north of Peterborough, were told to leave their homes for a few hours after officials received a call from an area home about the ammo.

Sgt. Mark Round says military personnel from CFB Trenton went to Peterborough this afternoon to pick up the shells for safe detonation of the explosives. Round says the two shells are believed to be .30 or .40 calibre anti-aircraft ammunition. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Quebecois filmmaker Falardeau dies at 62
Pierre Falardeau, one of Quebec's most eminent filmmakers, has died of cancer in Montreal at age 62. Falardeau died late Friday and leaves behind his common-law partner Manon Leriche and three children. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Winnipeg sees surge in horrific crimes

First, a woman was shot dead at a weekend wedding reception when a gunman fired on the crowd through an open back door.

Then, a toddler was badly beaten against a city sidewalk after being taken by a stranger during a drinking party in the middle of the night.

Days later, an eight-month-old baby from the same housing complex was taken to hospital in serious condition after being slashed in the face with a golf club during an alleged domestic dispute.

This past Tuesday, a man who went to investigate a noise outside his home was set on fire. On the same day, police confirmed that a 29-year-old woman had died in hospital after allegedly being beaten for trying to shoplift. The woman's friends say that the altercation was over a can of meat.

Although Winnipeg's crime rate is actually going down, the recent spate of high-profile — and horrific — crimes has shone an unflattering spotlight on the city.

While many residents insist it's nothing out of the ordinary, others are scratching their heads and wondering what is going on.

"Personally, I'm trying to decide between Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, Edmonton, Calgary or Vancouver on where to move me and my family to," one man wrote this week on an online discussion board at newwinnipeg.com.

"I'm born and raised here but enough is enough. I live in the west end and crime is out of control, in particular random attacks. A dear friend of mine is in (hospital) as I type this after being mugged by two people for seven bucks.

"I know the other cities have their problems, but they're nowhere near as bad as Winnipeg. This city is turning into mini-Detroit."

Last year, Statistics Canada placed Winnipeg No. 1 on the violent crime severity index, despite an 11 per cent drop year-over-year.

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Low-income neighbourhoods

• Crimes like those seen in Winnipeg recently are predominantly in low-income areas where domestic assaults, addiction and gangs give rise to violence, says Winnipeg Police Chief Keith McCaskill.
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News in brief

EDMONTON Call it Spudapalooza. That was no rock concert spawning the massive lineup of cars that gridlocked traffic on the Manning Freeway northeast of Edmonton for several hours on Saturday — it was a potato giveaway. An alliance of community groups and a local potato farmer decided to give away 45,000 kilograms of free spuds as a way of promoting locally grown food and to draw attention to the valuable farm land being used for urban development.

SAINT JOHN The refurbishment of the Point Lepreau nuclear generating station in New Brunswick is now 16 months behind schedule, the province's energy minister says. Jack Keir said Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd., the main contractor on the project, has confirmed it will not be able to finish its phase of the project until October 2010.

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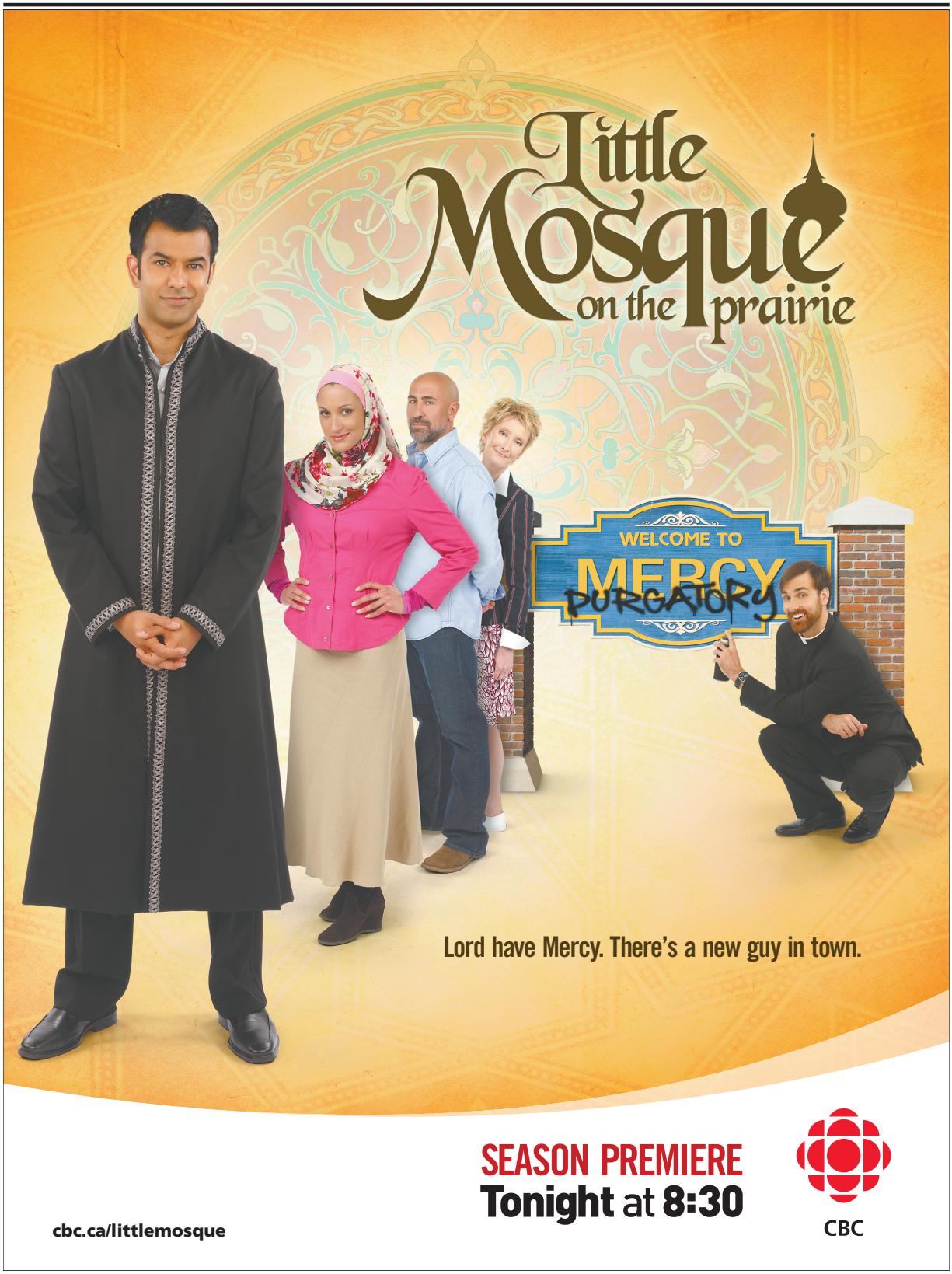

Two freed Gitmo detainees arrive in Ireland

Two Uzbeks freed from the Guantanamo Bay prison arrived yesterday in Ireland, and Amnesty International appealed to other European Union nations to deliver on pledges to give new homes to U.S. terror detainees. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Clinton: Enemies now targeting Obama

Bill Clinton says the vast, right-wing conspiracy that once targeted him is now focusing on President Barack Obama. The ex-president made the comment in a television interview when he was asked about one of the signature moments of the Monica Lewinsky affair more than a decade ago. Back then, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton used the term "vast, right-wing conspiracy" to describe how her husband's political enemies were out to destroy his presidency. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Germans re-elect Merkel

Voters hand chancellor majority government, ending coalition

German Chancellor Angela Merkel yesterday won the centre-right majority that eluded her four years ago — nudging Europe's biggest economic power to the right as it claws its way out of a deep recession.

Voters sent the nation's main left-wing party, the Social Democrats of Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier, into opposition after 11 years as part of the government. It was the party's worst parliamentary election result since the Second World War. "There is no talking around it: This is a bitter defeat," a subdued Steinmeier said, vowing to lead a strong opposition.

The conservative Merkel managed to end her four-year "grand coalition" with the Social Democrats thanks to a very strong showing by her new coalition partner, the pro-business Free Democrats. Her own Christian Democrats produced an underwhelming showing.

"Tonight we can really celebrate," said a beaming Merkel, greeted by chants of "Angie! Angie!" from supporters. "(But) there are many problems in our country to be solved."

Merkel's second four-year term will be markedly different from her first, in which she presided over a middle-of-the-road government that was fractious but enjoyed a huge parliamentary majority. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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German Chancellor Angela Merkel casts her ballot in Berlin yesterday.

News in brief

EARTHQUAKE China's devastating earthquake last year that left some 90,000 people dead or missing was caused by a geological event that occurs about once every 4,000 years, a study led by Chinese researchers said yesterday. Researchers said the 7.9-magnitude quake was caused by the breaking of solid rock separating major fault segments, allowing the quake to cascade along multiple faults. Such rock barriers stop the vast majority of quakes, limiting their intensity. The cascading rupture in the Longmen Shan fault zone that separates western Sichuan province from the Tibetan plateau could have been as long as 320 kilometres, said the paper published in the journal Nature Geoscience.

VENEZUELA Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi called for a NATO-like defence alliance for Africa and South America as leaders from the two continents agreed to link up to gain more clout as economic and political blocs. Gadhafi and Venezuela's Hugo Chavez led about 30 presidents in calling for stronger "South-South" ties at a two-day summit ending yesterday that was the Libyan ruler's first visit to Latin America. "We have to form a NATO for the south," Gadhafi said Saturday. "And that's not a terrorist action. We have a right." Chavez said Venezuela is looking into energy investments in Africa and called for joint mining projects, saying the two regions together have enormous potential. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iraq **Emotional reunion**

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Haidar Talib embraces four-year-old son Mustafa as he is released from U.S. military custody in Baghdad yesterday. He was among 37 members of a militant group called Asaib Ahl al-Haq, or League of the Righteous, who allegedly kidnapped five British contractors in 2007.

Storm leaves at least 106 dead or missing

PHILIPPINES Many Filipino villagers managed to save only the clothes on their backs but began to rebuild yesterday as the flood waters receded from a tropical storm that set off the worst flooding in Manila in 42 years.

Army troops, police and civilian volunteers plucked dead bodies from muddy flood waters and rescued survivors from rooftops after Tropical Storm Ketsana tore through the northern Philippines a day earlier, leaving at least 106 people dead and missing.

Some residents began to clean up as the flood waters receded. Still, many parts of the capital city remained flooded. A brief period of sunshine showed the extent of the devastation in many neighbourhoods — destroyed houses, overturned vehicles, and roads covered in debris and mud.

Ketsana dumped more than a month's worth of rain in just 12 hours, causing the government to declare a "state of calamity."

The rains swamped entire towns and set off landslides that have left at least 83 people dead and 23 others missing, Defence Secretary Gilbert Teodoro said.

Tropical Storm Ketsana is the 15th of about 20 typhoons and storms expected to lash the country this year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rescue missions

- Troops, police and volunteers have so far been able to rescue more than 5,100 people.

Pope pushes for return to religion

CZECH REPUBLIC Pope Benedict XVI told thousands of faithful yesterday that societies exclude God at their peril, as he pressed on with a pilgrimage to nudge the Czech Republic — and the rest of Europe — back to its religious roots. "History has demonstrated the absurdities to which man descends when he excludes God from the horizon of his choices and actions," Benedict said. Organizers estimated that 120,000 people packed a field in the southern city of Brno for what is expected to be the biggest turnout of his trip to the heavily secular country. The 82-year-old pontiff was making the three-day visit as Czechs prepare to mark 20 years since the 1989 Velvet Revolution shook off an atheistic communist regime that ruthlessly persecuted the Roman Catholic Church. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Assassinations plaguing Chechnya
Gunmen killed a village chief and his son in Chechnya in the latest in a series of assassinations in Russia's violent North Caucasus, an official said yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UN climate talks begin in Thailand

PACT The fate of a U.S. bill capping carbon emissions was expected to weigh heavily on delegates in UN climate talks that begin in Bangkok today, with the Americans saying delays on the domestic front could hamper their efforts to extract concessions from other nations. Negotiations on a new UN climate pact have already been bogged down by a broad unwillingness to commit to firm emissions targets, and a refusal by developing countries to sign a deal until the West guarantees tens of billions of dollars in financial assistance.

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Environmentally friendly fridges

ENVIRONMENT Some of the world's largest consumer product companies are promoting freezers and refrigerators in the U.S. that use propane, butane and other coolants that don't trap heat in the atmosphere like Freon and other refrigerants. The new so-called hydrocarbon coolers are being tested by Ben&Jerry's ice cream company in Washington and Boston.

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Building an army

Afghan forces coming along faster in some areas than others

An army isn't built overnight and in the case of Afghanistan there's little chance its military will be ready to safeguard national security on its own any time soon.

There has been plenty of talk and even more optimism in this war-torn country that Canadian and NATO troops will be able to eventually leave here — guilt-free and with the satisfaction of a job well done.

But the training is slow. Even though the words "tough" and "fearless" are inevitably used to describe the members of the Afghan National Army — the fact is they are too few and too inexperienced in the ways of war to come close to taking control of Afghan security needs.

Some of it appears to be cultural as the Afghan outlook on life tends to be a bit more laid back than in Canada or the United States.

Mentors from the Canadian Operational Liason Mentoring Teams spend weeks and months teaching the rudiments of soldiering to Afghan troops. Extra training is given to promising Afghan soldiers as engineers or in explosive ordnance disposal. But it is hard to say when the Afghans will be ready to take over.

"You know, they're not a western army. They're their own army so we have to manage expectations of that. So they've got their own way of doing things and their own way of training, their own way of planning so you can't impose a western way on them," said Lt.-Col Dave Gowdy, chief engineer for Regional Command South and the commanding officer of the Canadian contingent at RC South.

"You can try and understand how they want to do things and eventually they will get there but it's going to take time," he admitted

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Afghan soldiers in Lakokhel in a 2008 photo. The ANA and Afghan National Police are expected to eventually take over all security in Afghanistan.

Minister threatens to quit after assassination attempt

AFGHANISTAN A powerful member of Afghan President Hamid Karzai's cabinet threatened to quit after a suicide car bomb attack targeted him yesterday, killing five people in the latest Taliban attempt to destabilize Afghanistan's struggling government.

Two Americans were among six NATO troop deaths elsewhere.

Shortly after the bombing in the western city of Herat, Energy Minister Ismail Khan railed against the dramatic rise in violence in Afghanistan, saying that thousands of new refugees are seeking shelter in Herat because of militant attacks in outlying districts. Five civilians died in the failed assassination attempt, police said.

Two days ago, Khan said, a young man was hanged by militants only a couple kilometres outside a NATO base and Afghan government centre. Kidnappings of wealthy family members are on the rise, including the abduction of girls, he said. Khan said government security agents had warned him that insurgents planned to target him. Two earlier assassination attempts had been foiled, he said.

"Very clearly I want to say that if the government does not form a clear strategy to bring peace and security, and the situation continues like this, I will not participate in the cabinet anymore," Khan said.

Taliban assassination attempts against Afghan officials have intensified this year, with more than 100 officials and pro-government tribal elders attacked — half of them fatally.

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News in brief

VIETNAM Followers of a Buddhist teacher say Vietnamese police and an angry mob have forced 150 monks from a monastery in Vietnam's Central Highlands that has been the centre of a monthslong standoff. The Buddhists say an angry mob descended on the site yesterday, smashing windows and knocking down doors.

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Brown not stepping down

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown insisted he won't quit, as his governing Labour Party met for a final convention before a national election. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Israeli concerns mount during Yom Kippur

The start of the Jewish Day of Atonement at sundown Sunday marked the beginning of a day like no other in Israel, on which even Israelis with no connection to religion tend to put their normal lives on hold.

This year Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the Jewish calendar, comes at a particularly sombre time following revelations of a previously hidden Iranian nuclear facility and more missile tests by the Revolutionary Guard.

"That proves to whoever was still in doubt that Iran is the most serious threat today on the peace of the world and its security," said Israeli Deputy Foreign Ministry Danny Ayalon, speaking to Israeli Channel 10.

Israel considers Iran a strategic threat due to its nuclear program, missile development and repeated references by Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to Israel's destruction.

When Yom Kippur began at around 5 p.m. local time, TV and radio stations blinked off the air, flights in and out of Israel's international airport ceased, and nearly all businesses closed. The streets emptied of cars and cities and highways were eerily quiet.

The country's ordinary bustle receded to the cities and towns that are home to the one-fifth of Israelis who are Muslims and Christians.

But the holiday's apparent calm conflicted with many Israelis' fears about the perceived Iranian threat.

Israel has long said Iran is seeking nuclear weapons, while Tehran insists its facilities are only for producing fuel for power plants.

Many Israelis felt vindicated this week, however, when evidence of a clandestine facility was presented on Friday by President Barack Obama and the leaders of Britain and France at the G20 economic summit in Pittsburgh.

The facility enriches uranium fuel to power nuclear reactors. Highly enriched fuel, however, can also be used to make weapons.

Israel is widely believed to have a nuclear arsenal.

Even inside Israel, the run-up to the holiday was less than calm. Israeli police used stun grenades to disperse Palestinian rioters on Jerusalem's Temple Mount, known to Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary, police said.

The incident took place during a visit by a Jewish group to the site. Deadly violence has erupted there several times in the past.

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An ultra-Orthodox Jewish boy holds a chicken, later to be slaughtered as part of the Kaparot ritual in which it is believed that one transfers one's sins from the past year into the chicken, in Beni Brak, an ultra-orthodox town near Tel Aviv, Israel, on Thursday.

Economic sanctions the way to go with Iran: Clinton

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton says she doesn't believe Iran can convince the U.S. and other world powers that its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes, putting Tehran on a course for tougher economic penalties beyond the current "leaky sanctions."

Defence Secretary Robert Gates played down the effectiveness of military strikes against Iran's newly disclosed secret uranium-enriching facility. Gates and Clinton said economic and diplomatic pressure would have a better chance of changing Iranian policies.

"The reality is, there is no military option that does anything more than buy time," he said in a TV interview broadcast yesterday.

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News in brief

ZELAYA Honduras' interim government gave Brazil a 10-day ultimatum yesterday to decide what to do with ousted President Manuel Zelaya, who took refuge in the Brazilian Embassy after sneaking back into this Central American nation. A spokesman for interim President Roberto Micheletti warned Brazilian authorities to "immediately take measures to ensure that Mr. Zelaya stops using the protection offered by the diplomatic mission to instigate violence in Honduras."

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Former White House speechwriter Safire dies

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You may now kiss the brides

Milton Mbhele showed up for his wedding in a white limousine — with four brides.

The women in white gowns each received rings and a kiss from the groom at a ceremony Saturday attended by hundreds of people. Yesterday, the families gathered for a second traditional Zulu wedding and planned to exchange gifts today.

Mbhele, 44, a municipal manager in nearby Indaka, said the joint celebration saved money by combining the festivities.

Mbhele has already been married to Thobile Vilakazi for 12 years and has 11 children, but did not specify who their mothers are.

"I want her to be happy," he said of Vilakazi. "I think getting married to her for the second time would make her happy since I will be taking in three other wives so this will relieve her in some way."

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Bridegroom Milton Mbhele with his four brides at their western wedding in Weenen, South Africa. While polygamy remains common among several tribes including the Zulus and Swazis, simultaneous weddings are rare.

His "middle wives" — as he described them — are both 24. The youngest wife, 23-year-old Smangele Cele, said she was looking forward to marrying Mbhele, even though it means she'll have to share him. She said the wives planned to live separately, with their husband rotating between them.

"It is because of the way in which he shows his love for me. He loves me in all ways," she said, adding: "We will not be living in the same house and we take each other as friends." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Portugal re-elects Socialists

The centre-left Socialist Party retained power in Portuguese elections yesterday, despite the country's highest jobless rate in 20 years.

"We have once more been chosen to govern Portugal," Prime Minister Jose Socrates, the Socialist leader, said. "This is a clear and extraordinary victory."

With more than 99 per cent of votes counted, the incumbent Socialists had 36.5 per cent compared with 29 per cent for the centre-right Social Democratic Party, the main opposition party.

9% Some 500,000 people in Portugal are unemployed this year — a rate of more than nine per cent of the work force.

Three smaller parties also secured seats in Parliament. Eleven fringe parties appeared to win too few votes to earn seats in Parliament. The turnout was 60.5 per cent.

Socrates has pledged big-ticket public works projects to stimulate growth amid forecasts the economy will contract by as much as four per cent this year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

BOYCOTT Sudan's ruling party is boycotting a political conference sponsored by its southern governing partners, describing it as a plan to oust it from power in upcoming elections, a government official said. A spokesman said his party, the ruling National Congress Party, has decided to boycott the conference because "the essence of it is to how to bring the NCP down." The conference is organized by the south's ruling party and expected to last until the middle of the week. The north and south fought a 21-year war that killed an estimated two million people before it was ended by a 2005 peace deal. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Giving thanks for holiday history

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The season of holidays is upon us. Rosh Hashanah has barely passed and Yom Kippur began last night which means Succoth is just around the corner. Ramadan has just ended, marked by the feast of Eid al-Fitr. Thanksgiving arrives in only two weeks. Everywhere in Canada folk are eating, fasting, praying, eating more, arguing with family, and swearing they're going to do the holidays different next year. This is called "tradition."

Today, we begin a two-part series on Thanksgiving. Part I: History.

Technically, Thanksgiving is not a religious holiday. Nowhere in the Bible does God proclaim, "Thou shalt go forth and kill the fatted turkey ... also, a little cranberry sauce on the side is nice."

The fact I know this just goes to prove that my degree in theology has practical application after all.

The first Canadian Thanksgiving, celebrated in 1578, had nothing to do with the fall harvest. Explorer Martin Frobisher returned home to Newfoundland, having failed to find the Northwest Passage, and held a feast to celebrate. Originally called the "OK, I'm a Loser but at Least I'm Still Alive" festival, this was later shortened to simply "Thanksgiving."

Before 1879, the date of Thanksgiving depended entirely on the whim of the government and shifted around without apparent rhyme and reason, much like social service funding does today. In 1957, Parliament finally confirmed Thanksgiving to be the second Monday in October and a statutory holiday was declared throughout country. Except among those plucky Maritimers in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and P.E.I, who insisted, "No way are we letting Ottawa tell us what to do" even though it was pointed out that it meant getting a day off work.

Today, Thanksgiving is a celebration of nature's bounty.

Growing up, my school invited students to put together an annual display of harvest items.

There was always a pineapple. I'm not sure why this was, given that our small, Ontario farming town wasn't really known for its abundant pineapple output. A friend in Edmonton says her school's harvest table always featured at least one Snickers bar. That, I get. I'm thankful for chocolate once a month, minimum.

This ends our history segment. Next week, Part II: "Tips for putting the Thanks in Thanksgiving." For instance, "The best part of any holiday is spending time with family. Sometimes it helps if the family you spend time with is not your own."

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.

Views

Lots of work left for the Transit City mayor

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In his announcement last week that he will not seek re-election in 2010, Toronto Mayor David Miller stated that each of his major policy initiatives has been accomplished or is well under way. One of his biggest aims has been to improve transit. Miller often insisted, as he did in 2007, that the TTC was "a great system for a city of about 1.5 million people, not a city of 2.6 million residents which is the heart of a region of well over five million. It must be expanded."

He'll have just over a year to ensure projects such as Transit City, the network of light rail lines across Toronto, take root. There are a lot of other transit challenges during his remaining time in office, not the least of which is finding enough cash to keep the TTC operating amid serious budget constraints.

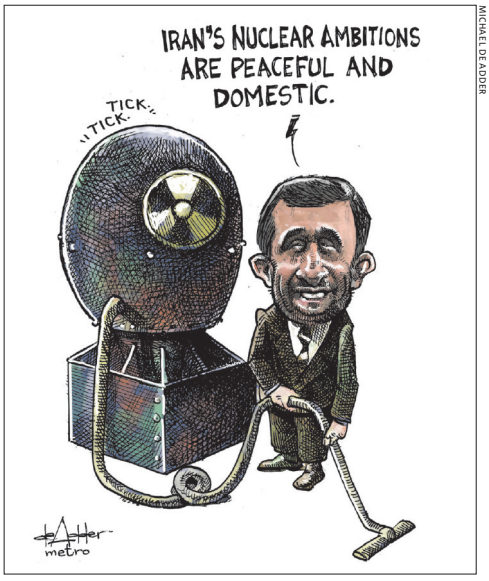
Miller did make transit a key priority but then, he had to. The transport network in the GTA had been badly neglected for over a decade before he first became mayor in 2003. The Toronto mayor actively developed the relationships with senior governments that helped raise billions of dollars.

Although Miller has been criticized for expanding the city budget too fast, he managed to find support for improving TTC service in a most frugal way — simply adding more buses. Adding vehicles may seem a no-brainer, but you'd be surprised how many politicians ignore this approach in favour of sexy new subway lines.

The Transit City LRT network also goes against this passion for underground trains — but I feel Miller correctly assessed the past failure of previous governments to build subways, and proposed a surface grid that can be completed faster and cheaper.

It's going to be tricky for potential mayoral hopefuls to try and upgrade Transit City into a subway network. Where would all the extra money come from, and can Toronto commuters afford to wait?

Toronto-based transport writer Ed Drass covers transit issues every Monday; transit@eddrass.com.



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Yahoo director to resign at year's end
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Ontario in green power talks

Samsung may bring wind, solar energy business to province

South Korean electronics and industrial giant Samsung is in talks with the Ontario government to establish a renewable energy business in the province.

In a release, Ontario says talks have been ongoing for months and progress is being made toward an agreement.

In May, Samsung announced plans to enter the wind turbine market in 2010.

The company has also entered the solar panel business, and both solar panel and wind turbine manufacturing in Ontario are reported to be part of the talks.

Dalton McGuinty

Ontario's manufacturing sector has shed hundreds of thousands of jobs in the face of the global recession.

Premier Dalton McGuinty has championed his government's Green Energy Act as a significant move to attract green investment to the province.

Ontario says the proposed investment with Samsung is significant and would be a "very early sign of success" of the act.

The new act includes a feed-in tariff program — the amount paid to producers of renewable energy — which will range from 10.3 cents per kilowatt hour to 80.2 cents.The feed-in tariff payments are designed to encourage large- and small-scale energy production.

Ontario consumers currently pay 5.7 cents per kilowatt hour up to a certain monthly threshold, after which the rate rises to 6.6 cents.

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Investors' eyes on analysts' reports coming this week

RECOVERY A number of key economic reports this week will give investors more insight into whether the fundamentals are truly in place to allow financial markets to continue building on the strong gains of the past seven months.

Given the market's sensitivity to bad news, there will likely be caution ahead of the most important piece of economic data coming during the week, the U.S. jobs report.

The consensus among economists calls for a loss of about 180,000 jobs, less than the 216,000 jobs eliminated during August when the unemployment rate ticked two tenths of a point higher to 9.7 per cent — the highest rate since June 1983.

9.8% Unemployment is expected to rise one-tenth of a point in economic reports to be released this week.

Economists also expect the unemployment rate to head up a 10th of a point to 9.8 per cent. A reading of around 175,000 would be the best showing since August, 2008. Employment losses started to pile up the following month in the U.S., when 320,000 jobs were lost.

Canadian jobs figures for September will not be released until Oct. 9.

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Twitter gets $100M more in financing

WEB Twitter Inc.'s founders now have a billion-dollar baby, and they seem determined to raise it without a corporate parent.

That was the message underlying Friday's news that Twitter has lined up $100 million US to finance its operations while its founders plot ways to make money off one of the Internet's most popular communications tools.

The investment values the three-year-old company at $1 billion, even though it has yet to generate any meaningful revenue, let alone profits.

The latest stakes were sold to three of Twitter's existing investors — Benchmark Capital, Institutional Venture Partners and Spark Capital — and two new shareholders, Insight Venture Partners and T. Rowe Price.

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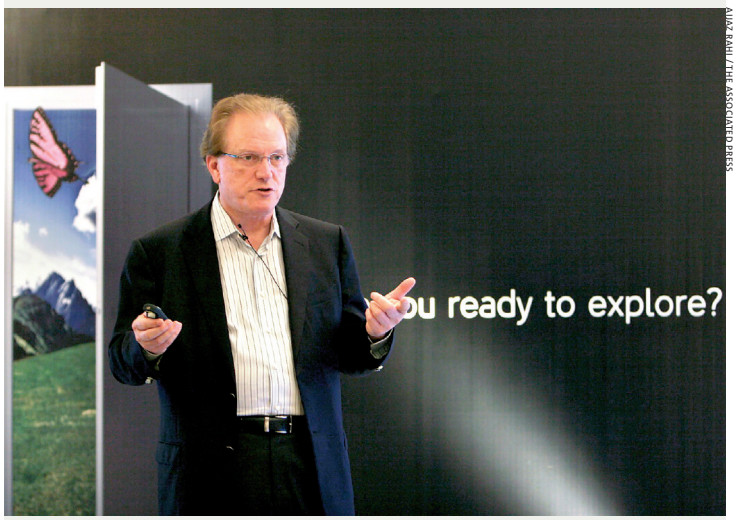
India **Phoenix flies east**



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Woodson Hobbs, president and CEO of Phoenix Technologies Ltd., speaks during a press conference in Bangalore, India, on Friday. The California-based software company will expand its presence in India in an effort to move further into the Asia-Pacific region. Phoenix expects to invest about $20.8 million US in the next few years, a company release said.

Ford, CAW at impasse over cuts

AUTO Ford Canada intends to slash its Canadian manufacturing presence from 13 per cent to eight per cent of total North American production despite requests from its union to the contrary, the Canadian Auto Workers says.

Ford and the union have been negotiating a new contract since Sept. 8, but the two sides have reached an impasse over how much production the company will keep in Canada.

Currently, Ford manufactures approximately 13 per cent of its North American production in Canada. The union is asking the company to maintain that percentage if it wants concessions from workers.

However, CAW economist Jim Stanford said Ford's current plans will see that number drop to eight per cent by 2013. Stanford said Ford wants the same concessions the union gave General Motors and Chrysler earlier this year, but isn't willing to make the same promises in return. Chrysler committed to maintaining 20 per cent of its assembly operations in Canada, while GM promised to keep 18 per cent of its operations here.

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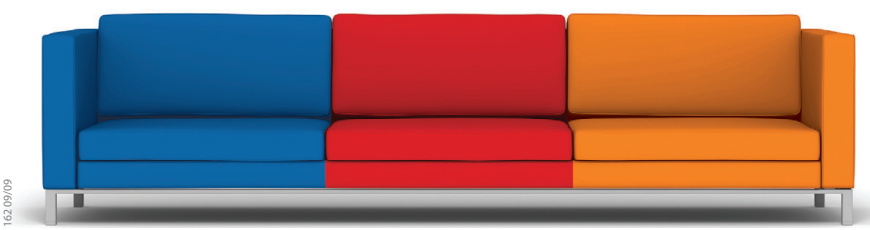
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Beleaguered mortgage company pays $5.5M for CFO

Freddie Mac's new chief financial officer, lured from the banking industry this month, is receiving a pay package worth up to $5.5 million US. The government-controlled mortgage finance company tapped Ross Kari for the position on Sept. 22. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chrysler looks to smaller cars to boost sagging sales

Chrysler thinks its future may be in a new lineup of smaller cars based on models from Italian partner Fiat. The question is how to make them for Americans put off by stiff suspensions, firm seats and — perish the thought — not enough cupholders.

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United Auto Workers member Janet Martin attends a rally at the Chrysler Sterling Heights Assembly Plant in Sterling Heights, Mich., Friday. The plant which builds the midsize Chrysler Sebring and Dodge Avenger is scheduled to close at the end of 2010.

The problem is further complicated because Americans generally are plumper and taller than Western Europeans, and they're used to driving fatter and longer cars on wider roads.

It's a dilemma faced by nearly all automakers as they try to hold down development costs by tailoring cars to sell around the globe. But at no company is the problem more acute than Chrysler, where a wholesale lineup change is needed quickly to boost sagging sales.

On Friday, Chrysler's board was to consider a new model lineup that would consist of reworked Chrysler products on the larger end and everything from mid-sized cars to minis built on smaller Fiat frames, a person briefed on the agenda said.

Through August, Chrysler's sales were down 39 per cent compared with the same period last year, the largest decline of any major automaker. In the critical midsize segment, which often is top-seller in the U.S. market, the company this year has sold only 34,700 of its two entries, the Chrysler Sebring and Dodge Avenger. That's only 15 per cent of the 238,000 Camrys told by Toyota, the perennial leader.

"They need better entries and they need them yesterday," said Michael Robinet, vice-president of CSM Worldwide, a Detroit-area auto industry consulting firm. "They really are uncompetitive in that segment now."

Chrysler is banking on Fiat's smart designs and fuel efficiency to win over U.S. buyers.

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TSX changing the rules

The Toronto Stock Exchange said Friday it has received approval for changes to its rules to require security-holder approval in takeover deals that result in a company increasing its share base by 25 per cent or more.

The rule change approved by the Ontario Securities Commission came after an extensive public consultation process, the exchange said.

The new rules will be effective in 60 days on Nov. 24.

"We are focused on expanding the size and reach of Canada's capital markets, and are putting in place the right measures to maintain the confidence of investors," Kevan Cowan, president of TSX Markets and group head of equities, said in a statement.

"We ... are putting in place the right measures to maintain the confidence of investors."
Kevan Cowan, TSX Markets

The change comes after shareholders killed a takeover of Lundin Mining by HudBay Minerals Inc. earlier this year after concerns the stock-swap deal would dilute the value of their shares. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Business in brief

CHARGES The City of Calgary has laid charges under Alberta's Safety Codes Act against three companies after debris flew off a building under construction this summer and killed a three-year-old girl. The charge of allowing an unsafe condition has been filed against Germain Residences Ltd., Grenville-Germain Calgary Ltd. Partnership and Flynn Canada Ltd.

UNFAIR ADVANTAGE? AT&T Inc. said Friday Google Inc.'s Internet phone program gets an unfair advantage from blocking calls to rural communities where local carriers charge high connection fees. In a letter to federal regulators, AT&T said Google Voice keeps costs low by refusing to connect calls to places where some local carriers give phone numbers to adult chat lines and conference-calling services to draw long distance calls. They share hefty connection fees AT&T must pay.

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Going Green

Read on

Interested in learning more about tuna? Author Richard Ellis (who's written about great white sharks, tigers and other endangered creatures) explores how tuna got to be so threatened in Tuna: A Love Story.

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Save rainforests while net surfing

EarthTones

Sophia Dore & Andrew Laursen

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A green search engine? Is that really necessary? I mean how "ungreen" is a regular search?

Those were our thoughts when we first heard about Forestle.org. Forestle is a search engine started in Germany in 2008 that is apparently not only carbon dioxide neutral but also saves the rainforests.

How can this be, you say? Well, Forestle is non-profit site that tracks the carbon dioxide emissions caused by running their own servers, the network infrastructure and also the projected emissions caused by the computers of those who perform Forestle searches.

They then use part of the revenue generated from advertising on their site to purchase renewable energy certificates that are investments in wind, solar, geothermal, tidal and other renewable forms of energy. The rest of their revenue, after they maintain their servers and use about 10 per cent for administrative costs, is donated to the Adopt an Acre program, which is run by the Nature Conservancy to sustainably protect rainforests.

Forestle is non-profit search engine site that donates part of its revenue to the Adopt an Acre program, which helps protect rainforests.

Forestle calculates that they save about 0.1 square metres of rainforest per Internet search. This may not seem like much but we personally perform at least five Internet searches per day (there are a lot of things we don't know) so now we are up to half a square metre of rainforest per day, or 182 square meters per year.

Forestle posts monthly reports on their earnings and acres of rainforest protected and they estimate that to date they have protected almost 1.7 million square metres of rainforest.

Visit Forestle.org, a green search engine site

Forestle originally planned to partner with Google for their Internet searches, however this agreement fell apart for some reason and they are now partnered with Yahoo.

So how well does the search engine work? We tried a few searches on both Forestle and Google. Some of the links that turned up were the same and some were different. Both search engines gave us useful information and it did not appear that one engine was any better than the other. In fact, it looks like if you are having trouble finding information it might be useful to try both Forestle and Google. The one advantage Google does have is that you if you are using Google.ca you can click on the "pages from Canada" button that filters out most U.S. sites, which is useful if you are trying to find something in Canada.

A person forges a deep bond of trust with their search engine. We have to trust it to give us the most relevant information. However, it seems like Forestle is very good idea and is at least worth trying.

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Mediterraneans catch the most

- Most Mediterranean countries catch more bluefin tuna than they're allowed. In 2006 ICCAT's scientist committee warned that bluefin catches must not exceed 15,000 tons a year if the species is to recover from overfishing. (ICCAT is the international organization responsible for tuna-fishing management.)
- Instead, ICCAT approved the EU's proposal for a quota of 29,500 tons. In 2007, legal and illegal bluefin tuna catches amounted to an estimated 61,000 tons.

SOURCE: ICCAT (INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ATLANTIC TUNAS)

Tuna: Raw and rare

Sushi causing the bluefin to be near extinction

ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News

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The bluefin tuna, also known as the queen of ocean fish.

She's beautiful. She's fast. She's smart. But she may soon be gone forever. The bluefin tuna has fallen victim to the global sushi vogue.

"When it comes to bluefin tuna, oceans are like the Wild West," says Phil Kline, a veteran commercial fisherman who now works for Greenpeace. "There's no enforcement of rules, and fishing companies are making a huge profit."

In theory, depleting fish is illegal, but for bluefin tuna, the reality is very different. In 1940, the world had 1.2 million metric tons of bluefin tuna. Sixty years later, it had less than 0.2 metric tons.

"Fishing methods have become very efficient," says Richard Ellis, author of the recently released book Tuna: A Love Story. "But the market is the driver. The sushi craze is the main reason for the near-extinction of the bluefin tuna."

The bluefin, whose speed, intelligence and torpedo-like shape makes her the queen of large ocean fish, lives in the Mediterranean, in the Gulf of Mexico and the North Atlantic. Fishing companies bring their catch to Japan, where it's auctioned and shipped to restaurants around the world. Bluefin is big business: a single fish often goes for $50,000. (The record is $173,600).

Though a movement is beginning to protect the tuna — most recently, the European Commission took steps to list the Atlantic and Mediterranean as endangered with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (thus forcing a ban) — other attempts to slow the annual catch have failed. Just last week, EU countries such as Spain, Italy and Greece (all home to major tuna fisheries) blocked a fishing ban on the Atlantic and Mediterranean species — a testament to the hunger the public has for this fish.

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Bosh may miss camp time with injury

When the Toronto Raptors open their training camp tomorrow in Ottawa, Chris Bosh likely won't be on the court. The team announced on Friday that the four-time all-star is expected to miss some time because of a strained left hamstring. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Vick returns with little impact

Michael Vick played in an NFL game that counted, though he didn't account for much of the Philadelphia Eagles' offence. Vick carried once for seven yards, threw two incompletions and either handed off or was a decoy on eight other plays as the Philadelphia Eagles defeated the Kansas City Chiefs 34-7 yesterday in the quarterback's first regular-season action since December 2006. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Jays rally to win last home game

Victory over Mariners gives team 44-37 record at Rogers Centre this season

MLB RESULT

Seattle 4 **Toronto** 5

AT

The Toronto Blue Jays closed out the home portion of their schedule with the type of victory too infrequently seen during their dismal season, one featuring some timely hitting, solid pitching and a spirited comeback.

Sunday's 5-4 win over the Seattle Mariners — keyed by RBI singles from Jose Bautista, Adam Lind and Rod Barajas in the eighth inning — left the Blue Jays at 72-84 for the year and 44-37 at the Rogers Centre, where some of their best moments have come.

They open a three-game series in Boston today before heading to Baltimore for three more starting Friday to thankfully wrap up 2009.

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Blue Jays pitcher Scott Richmond, centre, salutes the crowd along with the rest of the Blue Jays during the eighth inning yesterday in Toronto. The Jays beat the Mariners 5-4.

Brian Wolfe (2-2) gave up Mike Sweeney's solo shot in the top of the eighth but earned the win anyway when his team rallied in the bottom half. Shawn Camp pitched the ninth for his first save.

Brian Tallet, the lefty swingman who exceeded all expectations this year, pitched seven solid innings and was undone by three solo shots in the fifth, back-to-back jobs by Kenji Johjima and Matt Tuiasosopo, plus a blast by Franklin Gutierrez later in the inning.

But that wasn't enough for the Mariners (80-76), as Ryan Rowland-Smith (4-4) fell apart after seven strong innings. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Will politics mow down grass-field plan?

It's Called Football

Ben Rycroft

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Never has so much fuss been made over some blades of grass.

This week Toronto city council will vote on a proposal by MLSE, owners of Toronto FC, to lay a grass pitch at BMO field.

Having heard the calls from their own players to ditch the plastic pitch and perhaps, tired of seeing big-name talent pass over the city for … ah-hem … greener pastures, MLSE has proposed to front a $5.5-million overhaul of BMO, Lamport stadium and a new pitch in Etobicoke, just to bring in permanent grass for their team.

Problem is, the stadium was built and paid for by taxpayers' dollars and the funding was contingent on it being made available for community use.

And because you can't have beer leagues running around on a professional grass pitch 80 hours a week, it's necessary to find another suitable location for high volume community use.

Let me be clear: I have seen their proposal first-hand, and MLSE is not asking for a cent. It is 100 per cent being paid for out of their pocket.

And with addition of the Etobicoke field, as well as the renovation at Lamport, community use will actually go up.

So, why then, have there been rumblings that this is not a slam dunk to pass?

It seems to be, from the insiders I've spoken to, that coming up on an election year certain councillors are feeling hesitant to pass anything that looks even slightly like it's not in the general taxpayers' best interest. Toronto's talk-radio has helped to spread a lot of misinformation on the subject.

David Miller's announcement he will not seek a third term as mayor Friday also has thrown a wrench in the plans.

Miller, who is a staunch Reds supporter (west-side stands, second deck toward the middle for anyone who's ever looking), was famously caught on camera last year, looking "refreshed" after a game and promising to bring grass to BMO.

How those loyal to him will vote now that he won't be around in a year is a question for concern.

What MLSE has going for them is the reality that TFC is now Toronto's summer sport. The bathrooms at a TFC halftime draw a better attendance than a mid-week Blue Jays game — in a $600-million taxpayer-funded stadium, no less.

Come Wednesday, city council will be weighing whether this move is in the best interest of the city.

MLSE is banking on those councillors not putting their own best interests first.

Watch Ben Rycroft on the It's Called Football show every Monday at metronews.ca; ben.rycroft@metronews.ca

Sports in brief

NHL The Toronto Maple Leafs returned forward Nazem Kadri to the London Knights of the Ontario Hockey League yesterday. Kadri, the No. 7 overall pick in this year's NHL entry draft, had three goals and two assists in six pre-season games for the Leafs.

SPEEDSKATING Canada's short-track speedskaters wrapped up a successful weekend yesterday with a pair of relay medals at the Seoul World Cup. The men's relay team won silver in the 5,000 metres and the women added bronze in the 3,000 metres. Canada finished the event with four medals after Charles Hamelin's gold in the 500 metres Saturday and Kalyna Roberge's bronze in the women's 500.

FORMULA ONE McLaren's Lewis Hamilton won the Singapore Grand Prix yesterday, while Brawn GP driver Jenson Button extended his Formula One championship lead by one point. Hamilton started from the pole and protected his lead to finish 9.6 seconds ahead of Timo Glock, who equalled Toyota's best-ever race result by finishing second.

BASEBALL Catcher Lucas May hit a three-run homer as the United States defended its baseball World Cup title with a 10-5 win over Cuba yesterday. Canada defeated Puerto Rico 6-2 on Saturday to win bronze.

BASEBALL The oldest position player in the major leagues is planning to play another season. Rangers utility infielder Omar Vizquel, 42, says he feels good physically and "better take advantage" of how he feels.

FOOTBALL Florida quarterback Tim Tebow was released from hospital yesterday morning, about 12 hours after taking a hard hit to the head in a game against Kentucky. Coach Urban Meyer said that Tebow sustained a concussion when he was sacked by defensive end Taylor Wyndham on Saturday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Leafs fall to Sabres
The Toronto Maple Leafs lost to the Buffalo Sabres 7-6 in a pre-season game in Toronto last night. Lee Stempniak had two goals for Toronto, while Viktor Stahlberg, Jason Blake, Nikolai Kulemin and Mikhail Grabovski each had one. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Mickelson takes Tour title

GOLF Phil Mickelson capped off a tumultuous summer at home with a spectacular rally yesterday to win the Tour Championship.

Tiger Woods finished another big year by winning the FedEx Cup and its $10-million US bonus.

In a riveting conclusion to golf's regular season, its two biggest stars shared the stage at East Lake with trophies that were meaningful in vastly different ways.

Phil Mickelson

Mickelson seized control with a 31 on the front nine and closed with a 5-under 65 for a three-shot victory, his first since his wife and his mother were diagnosed with breast cancer in the spring. Both have a positive outlook in the recovery, although it has been an emotional burden for Lefty over the last three months.

For the third time this year, Woods struggled while playing in the final pairing. He didn't make a birdie until the 15th hole, and by then it was too late to catch Mickelson.

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Lions finally win one

After 19 losses in a row, team gets victory against Washington

NFL RESULT

Washington 14 Detroit 19

The Detroit Lions' losing run is over.

Matthew Stafford threw an early 21-yard touchdown pass to Bryant Johnson and the two connected to draw a key penalty that set up a TD in the fourth quarter as the Lions ended a 19-game losing streak.

They beat the Redskins 19-14. Detroit (1-2) had not won since Dec. 23, 2007 and their skid matched the second longest in NFL history.

Elsewhere in the NFL yesterday, it was: Minnesota 27 San Francisco 24; Philadelphia 34 Kansas City 14; New York Jets 24 Tennessee 17; Green Bay 36 St. Louis 17; Baltimore 34 Cleveland 3; Jacksonville 31 Houston 24; New York Giants 24 Tampa Bay 0; and New England 26 Atlanta 10.

At Detroit, Washington (1-2) pulled within five points on Jason Campbell's second touchdown pass with 2:36 left in the game, but couldn't prevent the Lions from picking up a first down that ran time off the clock and cost it three timeouts.

SCOTT BOEHM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Quarterback Matthew Stafford of the Detroit Lions runs with the football against the Washington Redskins at Ford Field in Detroit yesterday. The Lions defeated the Redskins 19-14.

The Redskins had their last of many chances to win from their 22 with 1:05 left and couldn't get inside the 20 before time expired.

Following a brief meeting and prayer in the locker room, first-year coach Jim Schwartz sent his players back to the field to celebrate nine months after becoming the first NFL team to have an 0-16 season.

"We went a whole season without feeling like this, so you have to take it in and enjoy," Raiola said.

Washington doesn't have the burden of a long losing streak. It does, though, have plenty of problems.

"You either want it or you don't. A lot of these guys don't want it," Redskins cornerback DeAngelo Hall said. "They want the other stuff."

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Record set at marathon

RUNNING Defending champion Kenneth Mungara of Kenya raced to the fastest time on Canadian soil in winning the Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon yesterday.

Mungara, 36, ran two hours, eight minutes, 31.9 seconds over the 42.195-kilometre course to shave two minutes off his personal record he ran in winning last year's race, and almost a full minute off John Kelai's race record 2:09:30 set in 2007, the previous Canadian best.

Ethiopians took second and third with Chala Lemi finishing in 2:08:48.4, and Gashaw Melese Asfaw taking third in 2:09:22.8. David Jackson of Victoria was 14th in 2:24:03.3 seconds.

Amane Gobena of Ethiopia won the women's marathon in a course-record time of 2:28:30.4, overtaking defending champion and fellow Ethiopian Mulu Seboka over the last kilometre. Seboka was second 2:29:37.2, while Haile Kebebush of Ethiopia was third in 2:30:47.9.

Organizers say with two course records set, a sold-out race, and over $1.8 million raised this was the most successful race in the marathon's 20 year history.

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University of Calgary pro-life club puts up controversial display
Campus Pro-Life, a student group at the University of Calgary, launched its controversial on-campus campaign again last Wednesday, weeks before several club members are scheduled to face a judge over charges they trespassed on campus when they put up the display last year. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Outspoken York prof speaks out

Toronto's York University professor David Noble is asking a human rights tribunal to find the institution has penalized him for his outspoken criticism of the university. Noble has accused York of having a pro-Israeli bias. Appearing before the tribunal this week, former York president Lorna Marsden and current president Mamdouh Shoukri denied any retaliation against Noble. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Sick of buzzwords?

Survey reveals most loathed and out-of-date sayings in the office

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

Buzzwords quickly turn into drones, and phrases that once sounded cool become distinctly ungroovy. Accountemps, a temporary staffing company based in California, recently revealed today's most overused office buzzwords and Metro sat down with a linguist to find out how language love turns to language loathing.

The survey showed "it is what it is" and "at the end of the day" to be two of the worst offenders.

"When business or industry terms become overused, people stop paying attention to them," explained Max Messmer, chairman of Accountemps. "The best communicators use clear and straightforward language that directly illustrates their points."

The out-of-favour phrases included game changer, as in "Transitioning from products to solutions was a game changer for our company," value-add, as in "We have to evaluate the value-add of this activity before we spend more on it," and leverage, as in "We intend to leverage our investment in IT infrastructure across multiple business units to drive profits."

Other offenders were synergy, customer-centric and think outside the box. Bosses were also sick of hearing about the recession, depression, down sizing and doing more with less.

Sally Rice, professor of linguistics at the University of Alberta, said buzzwords are like fashion trends in clothes. Some, like "cool," stick around to become stylish, while others, like "groovy," become unfashionable.

"They foster group identity. That's what slang is all about," Rice explained. "It's language fashion. When it gets overdone, people start to react (against it)."

Early buzzwords for the Internet were "information superhighway" and the "surfing" metaphor. The information superhighway is fast going the way of bell bottoms while surfing the web seems to have the holding power of blue jeans.

"Some words get into the mainstream and go 'viral,' to use an example," Rice said. "Vlog" and "Blog" were born as buzzwords around the same time. While vlog, a video log, is failing, blog is quickly losing its origins as a "web log" and becoming a regular word.

Rice said it's unpredictable which buzzwords will cross over to general use and which will wind up on most-hated surveys.

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Paramedics on wheels

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Greg Trent, an advanced care paramedic with Toronto EMS, is seen here working the Toronto Marathon yesterday.

OddJobs

This past weekend, the 50,000 or so competitors and spectators at the Waterfront Marathon in Toronto were able to get a bandage, oxygen or splint applied by a professional in mere minutes if they needed it.

That's thanks to Greg Trent and his fellow bicycle paramedics.

These paramedics also work shifts on ambulances, but they sometimes move on two wheels to help deliver emergency services in hard-to-reach places. They show up in the city's club district on the weekends and festivals throughout the warm months of the year (the last event they work is the Santa Claus Parade).

Trent, 48, grew up in Toronto and studied business at Sir Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo. Every summer, he came home and worked at Ontario Place. There, he admired the venue's medical response team, who would take care of scrapes, bumps and breaks.

"I liked that idea of knowing what to do when something happened," says Trent.

Trent got to know one of the guys on the team and asked him about the paramedic training course he'd just finished.

So, after graduation, Trent took the one-year course himself at Centennial College. (It's two years now). He applied to Toronto's Emergency Medical Services in 1983 and was accepted.

Wanting a little variety, he left a year later to work up in Kirkland Lake, Ont. He enjoyed the experience, but decided the fast pace of emergency services in the city suited him better, so came back to Toronto.

Toronto EMS founded the bicycle paramedic program in 1998 and Trent applied to join two years later. To qualify, he took the CAN-BIKE training program — which teaches bicycle safety and the rules of the road pertaining to bikes.

Now, as a part of a team of 30 paramedics, Trent works about 15 events a year — some on the team do as many as 30 — and works on an ambulances the rest of the time. Shifts usually last 12 hours, longer for certain all-day events.

Toronto EMS has 16 bikes and they're all equipped with everything an ambulance has, including a small oxygen tank, a small defibrillator, airway kit, IV kit and splints.

When they're not doing a call — most of them are for minor scrapes, but an ambulance always comes for more serious illnesses and accidents — Trent and his partner on the shift will bike around the event. They hand out band-aids and ice packs for minor scrapes, give directions and answer questions about their job.

"It's very much a public relations thing as well."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

The Lowdown

Job title: Bicycle paramedic
Salary: $80,000
Education: Paramedic program, CAN-BIKE training
Best part of the job: "Just being out amongst people, interacting with them in a way we don't normally do when we're in an ambulance."
Worst part of the job: "Figuring out where everything is in the bags. It's a different set up from what we normally have."

Workology in brief

WORRIES According to a recent survey conducted by PricewaterhouseCoopers, nine out of 10 university students in Canada are concerned about how the recession will affect their job prospects. Of the 673 university students surveyed from across Canada, 52 per cent said that the current economy has made them rethink their plans for the future, and 21 per cent of those indicated that they would accept work in an area not directly related to their major. The survey also found that due to students' financial worries, 41 per cent have reduced their spending habits.

SALARIES ON ICE A recent salary increase survey conducted by global human resources consulting and outsourcing company Hewitt Associates, reveals that almost one-third, or 29 per cent of Canadian employers froze salaries in 2009 — the largest percentage in a decade. As for 2010, employers from across Canada indicated a feeling of guarded optimism with respect to salary increases for the coming year. Six and a half per cent of the 387 Canadian organizations that participated in the survey plan to continue freezing salaries.

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Painting landscapes, but not on a canvas

Skilled Trades

MAT LECOMPTE
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It's true this summer may not have been the hottest, longest or sunniest in Toronto's history. But even so, some people would rather be outside than in.

One of the obvious benefits of landscaping is that workers get to be outside all summer long. In addition to the environment, a career in landscaping can also offer a rewarding sense of accomplishment following the completion of a project.

"I get to be outside 24/7," says Mike Squibb, owner of City Wide Property Grooming. "I love it."

Squibb, 28, has been involved with landscaping and yard work since he was a young child. He opened up his own company two years ago, focused on providing high-end property care through a variety of construction and maintenance services.

If you love the outdoors a career in landscaping could be for you.

Although he has had no formal, institutional training, Squibb has grown up working on properties through family businesses. He says he has over a decade of experience. It was that experience that allowed him to recognize shortages in the industry and carve out an underserved niche.

"I started the company because I'm not just the average cut and see you later kind of guy," he says, referring to a collection of other landscapers who focus more on the quantity of jobs, rather than quality. He says noticing rushed work became a sickness.

According to Brian Speers, program co-ordinator of Seneca College's Environmental Landscape Management program, there is a common philosophy that anyone with a pick-up truck can be a landscaper.

However, Speers says, the options available and the modernization of the industry make formal training quite significant.

"The environment is becoming a more important issue to everyone on the planet," he says. "A background in environmental restoration helps with the jobs they (graduates) get."

Environmental restoration is just one of the areas students cover in the two-year program. It focuses on maintaining or re-creating natural environmental habitats during the construction processes. For example, if a subdivision is being built on a river, a landscaper with knowledge of environmental restoration will be able to re-create that river to ensure nature and human life can co-exist.

Along with classroom work, the program also gives students a number of practical opportunities to hone their skills. In addition to the hands-on courses there is also a full-time, 16-week co-op.

For many, Speers says, it's the hands-on work that gives students and professionals alike, a real sense of satisfaction and accomplishment.

"I take a lot of pride in my work," says Squibb. "You see the transformation of the property. Even in a clean up, you see it turn around."

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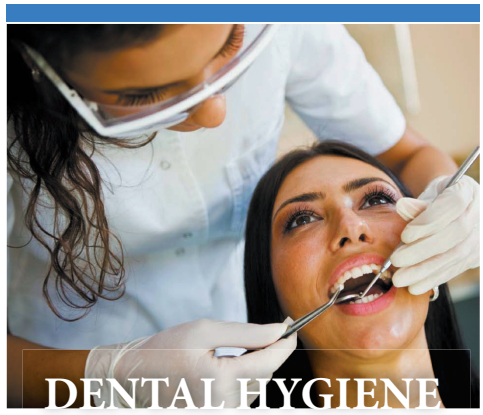

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Jamie Pressly is married

Jaime Pressly has a new name: Mrs. Singh. On Saturday, the My Name Is Earl actress married entertainment lawyer Simran Singh in front of family and friends in Malibu. **PEOPLE.COM**

Entertainment

Life is over

The CW network's The Beautiful Life has been cancelled after just two episodes. The show made the news in July when star Mischa Barton was hospitalized for an undisclosed medical problem. **POPEATER.COM**

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Swiss arrest Polanski on U.S. warrant in sex case

GETTY IMAGES

Roman Polanski

Director Roman Polanski was arrested by Swiss police as he flew in for the Zurich Film Festival and faces possible extradition to the United States for having sex in 1977 with a 13-year-old girl, authorities said Sunday.

Polanski was scheduled to receive an honorary award at the festival when he was arrested Saturday at the airport, the Swiss Justice Ministry said in a statement. It said U.S. authorities have sought the arrest of the 76-year-old director around the world since 2005.

"There was a valid arrest request and we knew when he was coming," ministry spokesman Guido Balmer told The Associated Press. "That's why he was taken into custody."

Balmer said the U.S. would now have to make a formal extradition request.

Polanski fled the U.S. in 1978, a year after pleading guilty to unlawful sexual intercourse with the underage girl. The director of such classic films as Chinatown and Rosemary's Baby has asked a U.S. appeals court in California to overturn a judges' refusal to throw out his case. He claims misconduct by the now-deceased judge who had arranged a plea bargain and then reneged on it.

The Swiss statement said Polanski was in "provisional detention for extradition," but added he would not be transferred to U.S. authorities until all proceedings are completed. Polanski can contest his detention and any extradition decision in the Swiss courts, it said.

Polanski has lived for the past three decades in France, where his career has continued to flourish, and he received a directing Oscar in absentia for the 2002 movie The Pianist.

Polanski has not been extradited from France because his crime reportedly was not covered under treaties between the United States and France.

He has avoided travelling to countries likely to extradite him.

In Paris, Culture Minister Frederic Mitterrand said he was "dumbfounded" by Polanski's arrest, adding that he "strongly regrets that a new ordeal is being inflicted on someone who has already experienced so many of them."

Those comments referred to the fact that Polanski, a native of France who was taken to Poland by his parents, escaped Krakow's Jewish ghetto as a child and lived off the charity of strangers. His mother died at the Auschwitz Nazi death camp. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Faces of the crisis

NFB tells stories of Canadians dealing with the recession

HANNAH ZITNER
for Metro Canada

Christian, a 40-year-old artist, used to live in New York City selling paintings to wealthy New Yorkers. He now lives in a kitchenless apartment in Windsor where he makes $100 a week.

Stuart, a middle-aged factory worker, used to work at the AbitibiBowater pulp and paper mill plant in Grant Falls, N.L. He now runs a government sponsored cranberry farm that won't see fruit for at least three years.

These are the stories of Canadians dealing with what some call the worst economic crisis since the great depression, and the National Film Board is following, capturing and sharing these stories with their latest project, GDP: Measuring the Human Side of the Canadian Economic Crisis.

The project, which is the first large-scale collaboration between the French and English departments, is an interactive website featuring documentaries and photo essays about Canadians dealing with the recession.

"(The project) is a huge experience for all of us, it's completely different than what we usually do," producer Marie-Claude Dupont said from the NFB's head office in Montreal.

The NFB has been creating traditional documentaries for the past 60 years, but as part of a new digital strategy, is taking things online and interactive.

GDP: Measuring the Human Side of the Canadian Economic Crisis is an interactive website featuring documentaries and photo essays about Canadians dealing with the recession.

"The people are part of the project," Dupont said, adding that users will not only be able to comment on the stories, but also upload their own anecdotes, images and videos.

The project follows 15 Canadians for a year as they adapt to new circumstances and reinvent themselves in the face of the recession. Each week, a new chapter of their story is added to the site as a four-minute documentary shot by local filmmakers.

The characters come from across the country and from diverse employment backgrounds. Communities that aren't following characters all year, will share their stories through photo essays shot by local and regional photographers.

As part of a national strategy to tell engaging stories about Canadians to Canadians, the NFB says all content on the site is available in both French and English. The idea for the interactive documentary stemmed from a desire to create a dialogue about the crisis as well as establish a historical record of the era.

"It will be something like a time capsule," Michelle Van Beusekom, assistant director general of English programming, said.

"For us, it's a way of sharing our stories and seeing how other people are affected. But in the future — 50 years from now, 100 years from now — people can look back."

More details

- GDP: Measuring the Human Side of the Canadian Economic Crisis goes live this week and will run for the next year. gdp.nfb.ca

The real Rowling
The real J.K. Rowling has come to Twitter, in order to counter numerous fake Rowlings using the service. But the Harry Potter author, whose account is @jk_rowling, warned she didn't plan many tweets, saying "pen and paper is my priority at the moment." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tatou channels Chanel

Film follows style icon's life before her success

MARC-ANDRÉ LEMIEUX
Metro Canada

With a wide smile and a warm handshake, Audrey Tautou welcomes a reporter into her hotel room. After ordering a glass of water, she leans over and looks at her interviewer with big, dark eyes.

It's been a matter of only seconds, yet the porcelain-skinned actress has already managed to put the reporter firmly under her spell.

So when she confides that she shares the same fierce temperament as Coco Chanel — the famous French designer she plays in the latest film by Anne Fontaine — it's a little hard to believe.

"I was born that way, with a bit of an impulsive side," Tautou says. "I say what's on my mind. I'm not a hypocritical person. In fact, I'm a very poor liar."

The film, Coco avant Chanel, is loosely based on L'Irrégulière, the book by Edmonde Charles-Roux. It deals mainly with the designer's formative years, through being a small-time cabaret singer, a young woman passionately in love, a frustrated seamstress and an aspiring courtesan.

Audrey Tatou in a scene from Coco avant Chanel, which traces the designer's formative years.

Though the film doesn't showcase the fashion maven's triumph, it does capture the birth of a style that, still to this day, defines the modern woman.

One scene shows the young rebel transforming her rigid corsets and feathered dresses into simple, practical outfits that reflect an active woman's lifestyle.

This film represents a total departure for Tautou. Three years ago, the actress was featured in sparkling jewels and plunging necklines in the film Hors de prix.

Coco avant Chanel opens in Toronto on Friday.

Miles apart from Irene, her sultry and adventurous character in the Pierre Salvadori comedy, the role she plays in Coco avant Chanel is also much more in line with her own outlook.

"Hors de prix allowed me to fully understand the effect a sexily dressed woman could have on the male population. I had never experienced that before!" says Tautou.

"That said, I prefer the mentality of Chanel, who invented a kind of sexiness that doesn't rely solely on a woman's physical appearance, but on her personality, her uniqueness, her strength of character."

Up the creek in West Texas: Sheriff drives Quaid to bank for bail cash

CELEB JUSTICE Randy Quaid was given a ride from a small West Texas jail to get bail money from a bank after the actor and his wife were arrested for allegedly skipping out on a $10,000 US California hotel bill, according to the sheriff who drove him.

Quaid and his wife, Evi, each posted $20,000 Thursday night after spending several hours in the jail in Marfa, Presidio County Sheriff Danny Dominguez said. Dominguez said he drove the actor to a bank to obtain the bail money. Quaid, 58, remained in his custody during the trip but was not handcuffed. The sheriff said the actor received no special treatment. "I like to help everybody out," Dominguez said. "It's a small town."

The couple face felony charges of burglary, defrauding an innkeeper and conspiracy in Santa Barbara, Calif. Authorities received a complaint in early September that the Quaids had not paid a bill of more than $10,000 due to a local hotel, according to the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department.

The felony complaint states that the alleged crimes occurred between June 13-20 at the San Ysidro Ranch resort in Montecito, a posh community near Santa Barbara. The Quaids used a credit card at the resort that they knew wasn't valid, the complaint alleges.

The Quaids were arrested Thursday afternoon after a deputy spotted the couple driving in Marfa.

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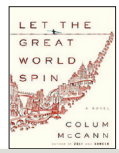
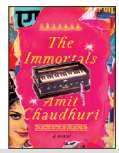


Let The Great **World Spin**

Authors: Column McCann
Publisher: HarperCollins Canada
Price: $32.99 (Hardcover)

Philippe Petit's daring 1974 high wire expedition between the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York serves as the catalyst for Colum McCann's mosaic of the city, Let the Great World Spin. On trial for the "artistic crime of the century," Petit is but one character in the interconnected stories that ensue. From prostitute mother Tillie turning tricks to support her family, to the artist Blaine's wife Lara, who checks on victims of a car crash her husband drove away from, McCann weaves characters' lives together, offering glimpses of life familiar to post-9/11 New York.



The **Immortals**

Author: Amit Chaudhuri
Publisher: Knopf
Price: $32 (Hardcover)

Set in 1970s and '80s Bombay, The Immortals explores the relationships between art and business, and tradition and the future, by honing in on two very different families. Shyam Lol's father taught him classical singing, but Lol makes his modest living teaching modern songs and intonation. Nirmalya Sengupta's mother is a wealthy but talented student of Lol's. She wants him to teach her son, who goes against the grain vocally and in terms of his comfortable upbringing. Teacher and student grow to learn about each other's seemingly opposing lives and the struggle between classic and contemporary culture.

Women are Crazy, **Men are Stupid**

Author: Howard J. Morris, Jenny Leey
Publisher: Simon & Schuster
Price: $29.99 (Hardcover)

Writer/comedian couple Howard J. Morris and Jenny Lee set out to conquer common relationship problems in Women Are Crazy, Men Are Stupid. Reading much like a comical guidebook, Morris and Lee examine why the sexes approach situations so differently, always relying on that basic idiotic-insane hypothesis. The pair tackles gender perspectives on issues like having extramarital sexual encounters in dreams, the taboo act of not noticing your mate's new haircut, just how much romance is necessary to fulfill a "romantic evening" and how high definition television affects love. **BRIAN COULTON/ FOR METRO CANADA**

Bratt show dropped
A&E has cancelled The Cleaner, according to the Hollywood Reporter. The network has opted to not renew the rehab drama starring Benjamin Bratt. TVGUIDE.COM

MUSTAFA QURAISHI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Julia Roberts walks towards the sets of Eat, Pray, Love yesterday at Mirzapur village near New Delhi.

Media frenzy over Roberts' India stint

FILM Young boys climbed trees and villagers crowded rooftops in a tiny dusty village in northern India yesterday to catch a glimpse of Academy Award winner Julia Roberts shooting her new film, Eat, Pray, Love.

Scores of policemen, armed with bamboo sticks, private guards and plain-clothes security guards kept curious visitors at bay as the Pretty Woman star walked about the sets created at Mirzapur village, 65 kilometres south of the Indian capital, New Delhi.

Roberts was dressed in a turquoise blue tunic and loose pyjamas, the traditional clothes worn by millions of Indian women. In the film, she plays the part of an American woman who leaves behind a troubled marriage and sets out on a journey of self-discovery.

Newspapers and television stations in India have been covering Roberts' every move since she arrived in India accompanied by her three children nearly 10 days ago.

The shooting of the film began a few days ago, and started with prayers offered by a Hindu priest.

The Times of India newspaper quoted the priest, Swami Dharam Dev, as saying he had given the names of Hindu gods for her three children.

"I have named her twins Hazel and Phinnaeus as Laxmi and Ganesh, while Henry will be called Krishna Balram," he was quoted as saying.

The movie is directed by Ryan Murphy. It also stars Oscar-winner Javier Bardem, Viola Davis and Billy Crudup. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

O'Brien recovers from injury

Conan O'Brien is expected to be back on the job today after hitting his head during a Tonight Show stunt.

"Conan is resting comfortably at home. He is expected to return to work on Monday," NBC said in a statement Saturday.

The accident Friday halted production of Tonight, NBC said. The network did not say what the stunt entailed. O'Brien was examined at a hospital Friday and was released, although the network did not say when.

A Tonight rerun with guest Jeremy Piven aired Friday.

According to NBC's website, the scheduled show was supposed to include Desperate Housewives actress Teri Hatcher and Seth McFarlane (Family Guy). Actress Drew Barrymore and jockey Joe Talamo were the scheduled guests for Monday.

O'Brien

O'Brien, 46, issued a statement through NBC that indicated he was treating the incident lightly.

"Last thing I remember I was enjoying the play with Mrs. Lincoln, and the next thing I knew I was in bed being served cookies and juice," O'Brien said in the statement.

The accident brought back memories of a rare absence by his predecessor. O'Brien took over the Tonight host's job from Jay Leno in June.

Leno's absence came toward the end of his 17 years with the show, when a high fever and unspecified illness caused him to check himself into a hospital for a day. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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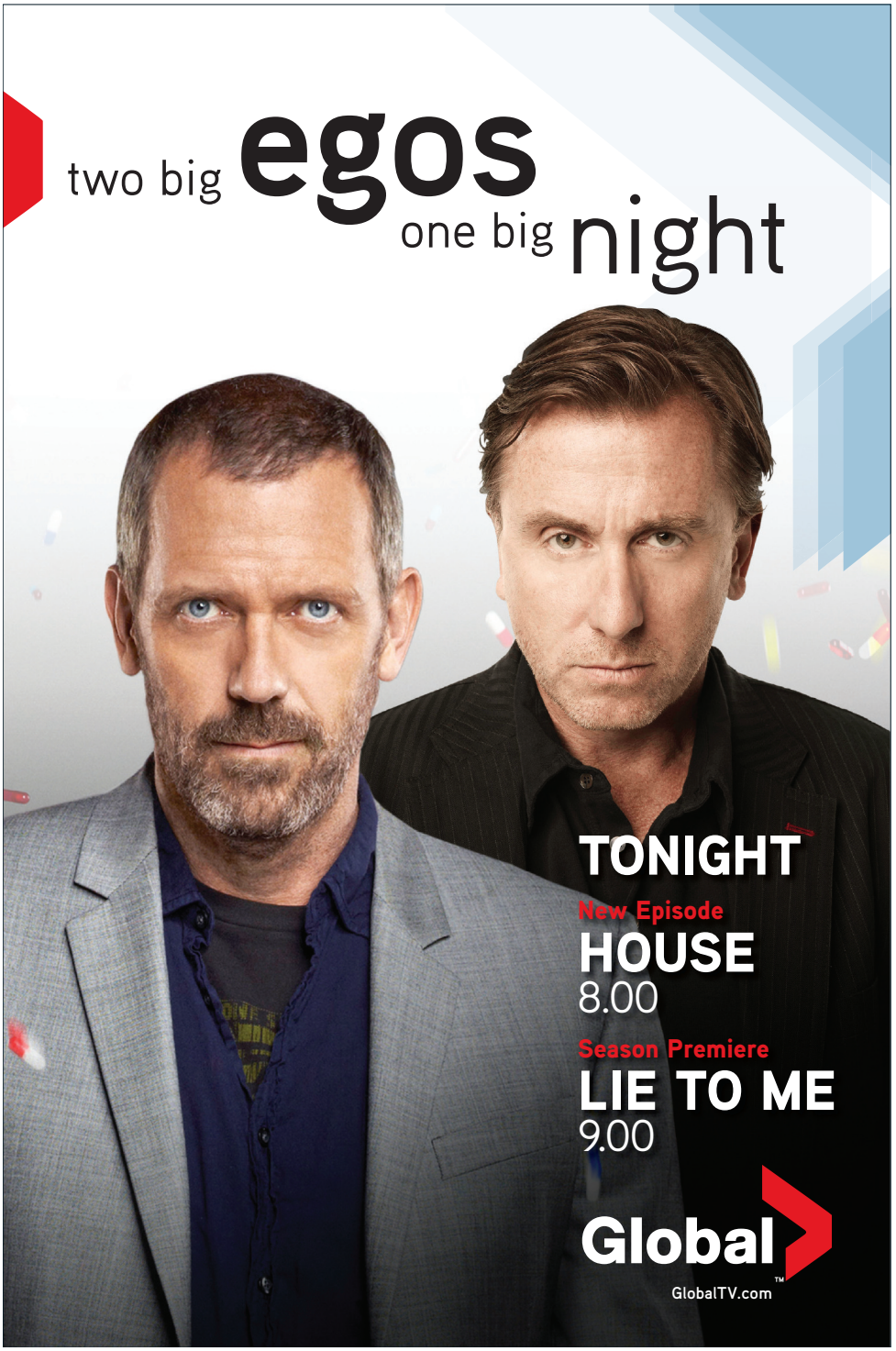

Alien drama V to end with cliffhanger

ABC will air its alien-invasion drama V in two parts starting in November and then continuing after the Olympics in March 2010. "We're planning to air four episodes in November and end with a cliffhanger," a rep for the show says. METRO NEWS SERVICES

'Tapes' details Jackson excesses, obsessions

Pop superstar Michael Jackson feared the ravages of old age, sought the company of sycophants and appeared to be abusing prescription drugs and cosmetic surgery nearly a decade before his death, according to a new book by a former adviser.

The Michael Jackson Tapes breaks little in the way of new ground but the book by Shmuley Boteach, based on 30 hours of taped interviews, provides first-hand detail about the performer's excesses and obsessions.

"I don't want to be seen now," Jackson confessed. "Because I am like a lizard. It is horrible."

Jackson died June 25 at age 50. His death is being treated as a homicide.

The self-described King of Pop seemed to sense during the interviews in 2000 and 2001 that his life was winding down.

"I would like some way to disappear where people don't see me anymore at some point," Jackson said. "I don't want to grow old. I never want to look in the mirror and see that."

"He lost the will to live," Boteach said Friday on NBC's Today show. "I think he was just going through the motions of life toward the end."

Boteach is an orthodox Jewish rabbi who has written self-help books with names like Kosher Sex and Shalom in the Home. He was introduced to Jackson in 1999 through Uri Geller, a British entertainer, and acted as his confidant for many years. At times, the transcribed tapes sound like counselling sessions.

Boteach said he and Jackson recorded the tapes with the idea of giving the public a more accurate image of the reclusive entertainer.

In conversations, Jackson is quick to see himself as a victim and quick to criticize relatives — especially his father, who, Jackson said, beat him with an electric cord. "He was rough," Jackson says of his father. "The way he would beat you hard, you know, was hard."

Ken Sunshine, a spokesman for the Jackson family, said Friday: "We will not dignify this with a comment."

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New book The Michael Jackson Tapes is based on 30 hours of taped interviews.

Focus on new sound

Hidden Cameras shake up their trademark orchestral pop

CAM LINDSAY
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"I don't see myself as a tyrant. Benevolent dictator is more like it." That's how Joel Gibb of The Hidden Cameras describes his role as the band's leader and founder.

Since forming the band in 2001, Gibb has been known as a meticulous collaborator who's had any number of artists and musicians add to his ornate musical tapestry.

The way he sees it, everyone he works with has a sense of what it takes to be a Hidden Camera. "I do have specific ideas about the production and proliferation of my music, but anyone involved knows and respects that," adds Gibb. "There is no creative struggle with anyone in the band — except maybe myself. So when we come together people are happy and expecting some direction from me."

On the fifth Hidden Cameras full-length album, Gibb and his current cast of contributors have shaken up the foundation of their trademark orchestral pop. While he says that the album wasn't recorded "any differently than other albums," Origin:Orphan marks a significant shift in the band's sound beginning with the extended hum that opens first track Ratify the New.

"I think there is a diversity of tone and mood that has yet to appear on previous records," Gibb explains. "There are some dark moments, some eastern flavour, the feeling of a journey. I wanted to let each song develop on their own."

Gibb says this was a result of acting more on impulse instead of laying it all out in advance. "This record was a lot less premeditated then past records. I didn't start at a certain point with a specific plan."

This spontaneity allowed The Hidden Cameras to take chances with some of the creative decisions. Although the hooks and harmonies are still alive and well, the title track, for instance, has much in common with the brooding electronic rock of latter day Depeche Mode, and the synthesized Underage takes its cue from the trendy Afro-pop influence of Paul Simon's Graceland.

For Gibb, it was all a matter of self-gratification. "The record simply reflects my tastes in music," he says. "I love drones, I love fat horns, I love catchy guitar hooks, I love repetition and its subsequent variation, I love synths, I love guitar feedback. There is no struggle to balance anything."

As for whether Origin:Orphan will resonate with those who aren't already part of his flock, Gibb says he isn't losing sleep over it. "I would love this record to find a new audience, but I certainly do not sit in the studio dreaming of how to do that," he says. "The music needs to please me and appeal to my senses and be honest before I can think about anything else."

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in concert

• The Hidden Cameras play Goodhandy's in Toronto tomorrow. The only way to get a ticket is to purchase a copy of the album at GalleryAC or at Rotate This, Soundscapes or Criminal Records.

Atlanta library gets Tupac papers
Tupac Shakur's mother has donated a collection of the rapper's writing to the Atlanta University Center's main library. Afeni Shakur has handed over more than 150 of her son's items, including rough drafts of lyrics and poems. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

D'Onofrio exits Law&Order

Changes are afoot at Law&Order: Criminal Intent, with charter cast member Vincent D'Onofrio exiting the USA Network series and recent recruit Jeff Goldblum taking over full-time.

D'Onofrio's character, Detective Robert Goren, will say goodbye in a two-hour hand-off episode to open the ninth season early next year, Criminal Intent creator and executive producer Dick Wolf said Friday.

Goldblum, who joined the series last season, will continue as Detective Zack Nichols in the NYPD Major Case Squad.

"After eight seasons, and with the addition of Jeff Goldblum, now is the perfect time for me to explore other acting opportunities," D'Onofrio said in a statement.

He added, "I wouldn't be surprised if Goren pops up from time to time."

Criminal Intent premiered on NBC in 2001 with D'Onofrio as the series' sole lead. From 2005 through Goldblum's arrival, Chris Noth co-starred on an alternating basis with D'Onofrio.

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Vincent D'Onofrio

USA became the series' primary outlet two years ago.

In another possible cast change next season, Goldblum could be joined by Saffron Burrows, replacing Julianne Nicholson, according to a person close to the production who spoke on condition of anonymity. The person, who is not authorized to speak publicly about casting, said Nicholson isn't expected to continue with the series.

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Entertainment in brief

TALENT A discovery in a Liverpool library has revealed that Paul McCartney's talent for writing was winning him prizes when he was just 10 — though for an essay about the Queen, rather than a hit song.

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Box office

Following are the top 10 films at the North American box office for the weekend beginning Sep. 25, according to studio estimates:

1. **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs:** $24.6 million US
2. **Surrogates:** $15 million
3. **Fame:** $10 million
4. **The Informant:** $6.9 million
5. **Tyler Perry's I Can Do Bad All Myself** $4.8 million
6. **Pandorum:** $4.4 million
7. **Love Happens:** $4.3 million
8. **Jennifer's Body:** $3.5 million
9. **9:** $2.8 million
10. **Inglourious Basterds:** $2.7 million

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	211	331	3	GTV	ET Canada	Entertainment	House "Epic Fail" (N)		Lie to Me (N)		Heroes "Ink" (HDTV) (N)		News Final
	215	343	4	OMN1	Two/Half Men	The Simpsons	Omni News: Italian Edition (N)		Vivere Il	Omni News:	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Metropia
	210	302	6	CBC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Ron James	Little Mosque	Just for Laughs (N)		CBC News: The National		The Hour
	214	344	7	CITY	Law & Order: SVU		How I Met	Accidentally	Trauma "Pilot" (N)		The Jay Leno Show (N)		News
	212	313	8	CTV	etalk	Hollywood	Dancing With the Stars (HDTV) (Live)				(10:02) CSI: Miami (N)		CTV News
	218	345	11	CHCH	*Forever Young* ★★★ (1992, Romance) Mel Gibson.				*One Night at McCool's* ★ (2001, Comedy) Liv Tyler.				News at 11
	137	763	13	TFO	Panorama		Le Monde selon Monsanto		*Les Amours d'Astrée et de Céladon* ★★ (2007, Drame)				Bibliotheca
	-	-	14	-	Family Guy	The Office	Omni News: S. Asian Edition		Omni News: Cantonese Edition		Two/Half Men	King	Siddiqui
	213	326	15	SUN	The Insider (N)	George Lopez	*A Perfect Murder* ★★ (1998, Mystery) Michael Douglas.				The Insider	Hitchcock Pres	Becker
	-	387	16	CBS	Inside Edition	Hollywood	How I Met	Accidentally	Two/Half Men	Big Bang Th	CSI: Miami (HDTV) (N)		News 4 at 11
	-	385	17	NBC	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Heroes "Ink" (HDTV) (N)		Trauma "Pilot" (N)		The Jay Leno Show (N)		News
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	296	654	331	SBK	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Law & Order: SVU		WBZ News (N)	Frasier	The Office	Name Is Earl	Frasier
	298	653	332	TLA	The Tyra Banks Show		According-Jim	Family Guy	KTLA News	KTLA News	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	One Tree Hill
news	502	390	26	NW	CBC News	Our World	CBC News: Tonight (N)		CBC News: The National		Burma VJ: Reporting		National
	500	500	33	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)		
	509	504	79	CNB	Kudlow Report		CNBC Reports		American Greed		On the Money		Mad Money
sports	405	417	22	net	MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Boston Red Sox. From Fenway Park in Boston.						Sportsnet Connected		Sportsnet Con.
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	411	457	58	OLN	Ghost Hunters		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Survivorman		Ghost Hunters		Bounty Hunter
	417	406	81	SC	Pimp My Ride	Pass Time	This Week in NASCAR (N)		SuperCars	SuperCars	Barrett-Jackson		Car Crazy
family	551	542	25	YTV	Drake & Josh	Prank Patrol	Malcolm-Mid.	Hates Chris	8 Simple Rules	What I Like	The Next Star		Adrenaline Proj
	554	544	45	TEL	Scooby-Doo	Total Drama	Total Drama	6TEEN	Futurama	King of the Hill	American Dad	Futurama	Robot Chicken
	556	540	51	FAM	Wizards-Place	Han. Montana	Zack & Cody	Latest Buzz	Wizards-Place	Life Derek	Ned's School	Cory in House	Zack & Cody
cable variety	602	567	27	W	Old Christine	Friends	Friends	Grocery Bag	Love It or List It		House	Save Us-House	Love It-List It
	570	580	29	MM	One Tree Hill		Love Court	Video on Trial	You Can Dance		Dance	Love Court	One Tree Hill
	615	520	31	A&E	Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Intervention "Charles"		Intervention (HDTV) (N)		Hoarders (HDTV) (N)		Paranormal
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	571	581	36	MMM	The Daily Fix		Ranked!		Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Brooke Knows	Brooke Knows	The Daily Fix
	575	583	38	CMT	Funniest Home Videos		Reba	Reba	According-Jim	According-Jim	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Due South
	616	521	39	SHO	The Outer Limits		*Lava Storm* (2008, Suspense) Valérie Valois.				Bones		NCIS
	620	523	40	BVO	Whoever You May Be		A Bronx Dream		Kaeshammer	Bravo!Videos	Jackie Richardson		Law & Order
	601	562	41	SLC	Rich Bride, Poor Bride		Last 10	10 Pounds	Re-Vamped		Plastic-Perfect	Plastic-Perfect	ET Canada
	522	506	43	HIS	Weapons at War		Patton 360		Battles BC "Joshua" (N)		*Flyboys* ★★ (2006, Historical Drama)		
	625	548	44	COM	Air Farce	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	Name Is Earl	The Simpsons	South Park	Great Canadian Laugh Off		Daily Show
	600	564	46	H&G	House Hunters	Property Virgin	For Rent	Income Prop.	House Poor (N)	My First Place	House Hunters	House Hunters	Holmes-Homes
	294	529	47	TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	House-Payne	House-Payne	Law & Order: SVU		*The Devil's Own* ★★★ (1997, Suspense)		
	576	582	49	BET	106 & Park		*The Color Purple* ★★★ (1985, Drama) Whoopi Goldberg, Danny Glover, Margaret Avery.						W. Williams
	627	528	50	SPC	Stargate Atlantis (DVS)		Star Trek: Voyager		*The Omega Man* ★★ (1971, Science Fiction)				The Circuit
	581	566	52	MTV	MTV Presents	After	Parent Control	Over the Bolts	Daddy's Girls	MTV Cribs	True Life		MTV Live
	618	524	54	TROP	Raymond	Raymond	The Outer Limits		ET Canada	Comeback	Family Guy	Raymond	Raymond
	603	561	56	FOOD	Ricardo	David Rocco	Food Jammers	Food Jammers	Top Chef: Las Vegas (N)		At the Table	At the Table	Restaurant
	261	394	60	V	Murder, She Wrote		Green Grass	Summer Wine	McLeod's Daughters		Unscripted	Archaeologist	Poltergeist
	621	527	63	STR	Look-A-Like	TMZ	The Ellen DeGeneres Show (N)		The View (HDTV) (N)		The Dr. Oz Show (N)		TMZ
	553	546	65	TRE	Backyardigans	Nght Grdn	Max & Ruby	Franklin	Little Bear	Bucket-Dinos	Babar	Big & Small	Max & Ruby
	115	711	101	TVA	La Classe de 5e (HDTV) (SC)		Yamaska (N) (SC)		Lance et compte		TVA nouvelles	(10:45) Denis Lévesque	
	126	730	102	RDI	24 Heures en 60 minutes		Grands reportages (SC)		Le Téléjournal (SC)		RDI économie	Le National	Le Téléjournal
	526	507	249	VIVA	Judging Amy		Missing		The Closer		Da Vinci's Inquest		Mediums
	300	601	301	M1	Stargate Atlantis		Sanctuary "Edward"		Dexter		Californication	U.S. of Tara	Atlantis
	305	612	306	PIX	*What Women*	(7:20) *Betrayed* (2003, Suspense)			*Blood Simple* ★★★ (1984, Crime Drama)			(10:40) *Shadow of the Bear*	

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Jay-Z looking to rock out

Hip-hop mogul Jay-Z is eyeing a move into rock music — he's desperate to work with U2 frontman Bono, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The rap superstar teamed up with Nu-metal band Linkin Park for 2004's hit album Collision Course. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Sis slams Mac's sex story

SKELETONS IN THE CLOSET Bijou Phillips — daughter of '60s musician John Phillips — isn't happy with half-sister Mackenzie, who claims she had a decade-long sexual relationship with their father, usmagazine.com reports.

"When I was 13, Mackenzie told me that she had a consensual sexual relationship with our father. This news was confusing and scary, as I lived alone with my father since I was three," Bijou, 29, says in a statement to usmagazine.com.

"I didn't know what to believe, and it didn't help that shortly there after Mackenzie told me it didn't happen," she added. "Mackenzie's history with our father is hers, but also clouded with 30 years of drug abuse.

"I hope she can come to terms with this and find peace," Bijou continues. "The life I had with my father was very different. He was Mr. Mom, encouraging and loving. The man that raised me would never be capable of doing such things, and if he was, it is heartbreaking to me to think that my family would leave me alone with him.

"I understand Mackenzie's need to come clean with a history she feels will help others, but it's devastating to have the world watch as we try and mend broken fences, especially when the man in question isn't here to defend himself," her statement concludes.

Mackenzie's stepmother Michelle Phillips, 65, also slammed the story. She told Vanity Fair on Friday, "I'm so embarrassed — and mad. At Oprah, at the publisher, and at Mackenzie, who should be on a psychiatrist's couch, not on TV…"

She added, "Mackenzie has affected the lives of all her nieces and nephews, who are not going to school today and are staying home sobbing instead."

Chynna Phillips is standing behind her stepsister Mackenzie. She tells the new Us Weekly: "I have pretty much come to peace with the fact that she's written this book and that it's been a cathartic experience for her."

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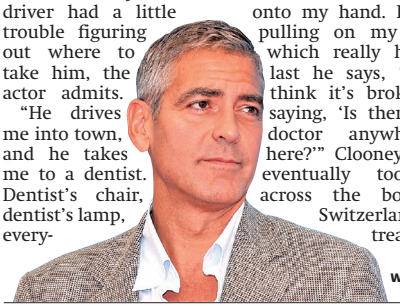
Doc? Dentist? What's the diff?

YOU'RE KIDDING When George Clooney slammed his hand in a car door last month in Italy, his local driver had a little trouble figuring out where to take him, the actor admits.



"He drives me into town, and he takes me to a dentist. Dentist's chair, dentist's lamp, everything," Clooney recalls, according to Yahoo! News. "The guy comes in, pulls the dentist's lamp down onto my hand. He starts pulling on my fingers, which really hurts. At last he says, 'Hmm, I think it's broken.' I'm saying, 'Is there a real doctor anywhere in here?'" Clooney's driver eventually took him across the border to Switzerland for treatment.

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Anna's pooch has special role

DOG LOVE Though they haven't set a date yet, Anna Paquin and her True Blood co-star Stephen Moyer have one detail of their wedding ironed out: Paquin's dog will serve as ring bearer.

"Splash, my alpha, will be the ring bearer, although my son may not be too happy about that," she says, according to Showbiz Spy.

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Say it ain't so LiLo

IT CAN GET WORSE Producers of Britain's Celebrity Big Brother have a big contestant in mind for their upcoming final season. Sources say representatives from Endomol, which produces the series, were spotted in Singapore deep in negotiations with Lindsay Lohan about appearing on the lock-in series airing in January, according to the Sun.

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Celebrity tweets

Tila Tequila is looking to settle down for a few months, Sherri sheperd suffers from a little early-morning tussling with her son and Samantha Ronson is uncomfortable with Twitter terminology.

• @officialTila Yea usually every summer I like 2 stay single & have summer flings! But every winter I like 2 shack up with only ONE person! who will it be?

• @SherriEShepherd Jeffrey wanted to wrestle, so I figured "what the hey"...it was fun until his foot shot out & connected with my eye...how long do I C stars?

• @samantharonson Can we not come up with something cooler than "tweet" or "tweeted"? I feel like such a dork every time I type or say that.

Angie too busy to act with Brad

MOMMY TIME Angelina Jolie says she's too busy to star in another film with partner Brad Pitt, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Oscar-winning actress — who famously met and fell in love with the handsome actor on the set of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, while he was still married to Jennifer Aniston — thinks it would be fantastic to work with him again but doesn't have the time because they raise six children together.

She said: "I'd love to work with him but we have a lot of kids." Jolie says being parents to Maddox, eight, Pax, five, Zahara, four, Shiloh, three, and 15-month-old twins Knox and Vivienne is hard work as she and Pitt try and make sure all their kids are happy and fulfilled.

"We try to find a balance in our lives because we want to educate our children and fulfill our dreams as artists and as people. So before making a decision we think about it thoroughly because our family is our top priority. On a daily basis we make sure their schooling is going right … and we're spending enough time with all of them individually."

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Butler is crazy for carbs

FOOD FIEND Gerard Butler hates dieting, since it keeps him away from his beloved fast food, the Ugly Truth actor admits, according to Showbiz Spy. "I want to eat my potatoes and french fries and sponge cakes," says Butler, who had to keep the pounds off for some shirtless shots in the upcoming Law Abiding Citizen. "When I play a role like this, I can't have my carbs and it makes me crazy."

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New SNL member's F-bomb doozy

OOPS There was a Saturday Night Live F-bomb in the season premiere of the TV show, popeater.com reports.

During her inaugural SNL episode, new cast member Jenny Slate swore in the middle of a sketch about biker chicks.

"You stood up for yourself, and I f—ing love you for that," she said.

Her reaction afterwards was sheer oh-my-what-have-I-done.

SNL cast member Charles Rocket was fired in 1981 for using similar words, popeater.com adds.

The Associated Press says that NBC declined to comment on the incident, other than to say the word had been restored to "freakin'" for the show's replays in western time zones.

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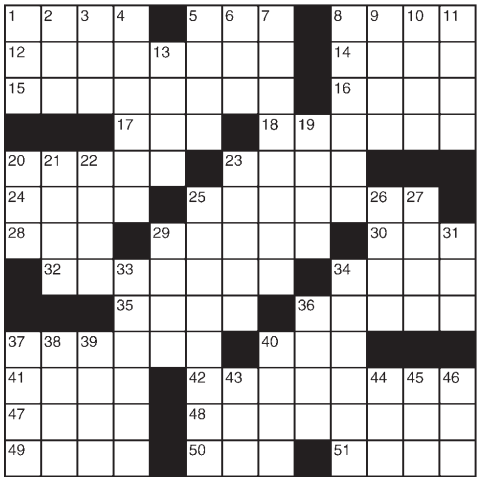

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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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5	1	6	3	4	2	7	8	9
7	4	9	5	8	1	3	6	2
4	5	3	6	2	7	1	9	8
1	9	2	8	5	4	6	7	3
6	8	7	1	9	3	2	4	5

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Marinated Pork Kabobs

INGREDIENTS:

2 cups (500 ml) plain yogurt
2 tbsp (25 ml) lemon juice
4 garlic cloves, minced
1/2 tsp (2 ml) ground cumin
1/4 tsp (1 ml) ground coriander
2 lbs (1 kg) pork tenderloin, cut into 1-1/2-in. (3.5 cm) cubes
8 small white onions, halved
8 cherry tomatoes
1 medium red pepper, cut into 1-1/2-in. (3.5 cm) pieces
1 medium green pepper, cut into 1-1/2-in. (3.5 cm) pieces

METHOD:

1. In a large resealable plastic bag, combine yogurt, lemon juice, garlic, cumin and coriander; add pork. Seal the bag and turn to coat; refrigerate at least 1 hour, but preferably 6 hours or overnight.
2. Drain and discard the marinade. Alternately thread pork, onions, tomatoes and peppers on eight metal or soaked bamboo skewers.
3. Grill, barbecue or fry the kebabs covered over medium heat 15-20 minutes or until meat juices run clear.

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
No matter what happens today, stay calm, or else your health could suffer. Avoid bad news: don't look at letters, texts or e-mails until late tomorrow.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Sometimes you're assertive, sometimes timid, and sometimes you can't decide what to be. But as of tomorrow your thoughts will begin to stabilize.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Today's cosmic picture will make it too easy to overestimate your own strength while underestimating what others can do. Be careful.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
It's important to know when to work with others and when to work against them. Work with them today — but don't get too close.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
According to the planets, if you bet big you could win big today, but you could just as easily lose everything you have got. So, do you feel lucky?

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You seem remarkably ambitious of late and employers and other important people have certainly made a note of your desire to get on in the world.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
No matter how laidback you are you'll be easily provoked today, especially if you think someone's taking liberties. But make sure you know all the facts.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Principles are always important, but rarely more so than now. Don't even think of betraying what you believe in today: You'll curse yourself later.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Employers and authority figures may have been difficult to get along with lately but they'll mellow over the next two or three days: Don't hold grudges.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Someone is going to try to convince you that what is going on in the world will have major repercussions. But they are wrong.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
At some point today you will get the chance to hold up your hand and admit that you made a mistake. Do so without embarrassment. It's no big deal.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
The reason certain people are picking on you is that you've given them the impression you won't fight back. Surprise them: Give as good as you get.

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